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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

INFORMATION RELATING TO COINS AND MEDALS.

All correspondence with the Mint should be addressed "Superintendent of the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia." Articles which are expected to be returned by mail must be accompanied by eight cents for return registry fee.

The Mint does not buy old coins or paper money, except some rare Colonial coins in fine condition, which are desired for the Mint Cabinet. Mutilated or uncurrent United States gold and silver coin is purchased as bullion, the gold at the rate of \$18.60 per ounce troy, and the silver (in amounts of not less than \$3.00) at the rate of _____ cents per ounce troy.

The Mint has no pattern pieces for sale.

The Government pays no premium for the return of any of its coins or paper money.

New coins can not be struck until authorized by an Act of Congress.

The Mint supplies United States coins only, and not of any past date.

The fifty-dollar gold piece and the half-dollar and quarter-dollar pieces in gold (?) were struck by private parties and not by the United States Government.

The coinage of the following ceased in the years named: Half and one cent, copper, in 1857; one cent, nickel, 1864; half dime and three cents silver, and two cents bronze, 1873; twenty cents silver, 1878; trade dollar, 1883; one dollar and three dollars gold and three cents nickel, 1889; standard silver dollar, 1904. The Columbian half dollar was coined in 1892 and 1893 and the Isabella quarter in 1893. The Lafayette dollar was struck in 1899, the date on the coin (1900) being that of the unveiling of the memorial. The special gold dollars for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition were coined in 1902 and 1903, but have no coinage date upon them. The Lewis and Clark Exposition gold dollar was struck in 1904 and 1905.

MINT MARKS.—Coins struck at the Philadelphia Mint have no mint mark, those struck at all other mints of the United States are distinguished by a small letter on the reverse near the bottom; these letters are: "C" for Charlotte, N. C., discontinued in 1861; "CC" for Carson City, Nev., discontinued in 1893; "D" for Dahlonega, Ga., discontinued in 1861, and for Denver, Colo., since 1906; "O" for New Orleans, La.; and "S" for San Francisco, Cal.

The coin dealers are the proper persons to apply to for the value of old coins. It is very unsatisfactory and usually impossible to give the value of an old coin without seeing it, as so much depends upon the variety and condition of preservation of the coin.

The Mint does not publish and can not supply any book or list giving the prices of old coins.

The coins of the United States, now authorized by law, are:

GOLD: Double Eagle,
Eagle,
Half Eagle,
Quarter Eagle.

SILVER: Half Dollar,
Quarter Dollar,
Dime.

~~MINOR~~ Five cents, nickel,
One cent, bronze.

The five-cent and one-cent pieces are known as "minor" coins.

A "proof coin" is one struck by hand on a hydraulic press. They are made at the Philadelphia Mint only.

The price of the set of gold proof coins is \$38.50; the proof set of silver and minor coins, \$1.50; the proof set of minor coins, 8 cents. Single gold pieces, in proof, may be had for 25 cents each above their face value, but the other sets will not be separated.

Proof coins of the present year can be had from about January 15 to December 31, unless, as is sometimes the case, the stock is exhausted a day or so before December 31. Dies wear with use, therefore coins struck late in the year may not be as perfect as those struck earlier. The Mint has no coins or sets of coins of other than the present date for sale.

Private-medal dies can not, under the law, be prepared at the Mint, but when the regular business of the Mint will permit, medals may be struck from dies furnished by individuals, public institutions, and incorporated societies, at a charge sufficient to cover the cost of the operation and the value of the metal.

A list of medals, which can be supplied on order, with the prices thereof, will be found on the other side.

The remittance should accompany the order and should be in cash or money order. Make money orders payable to the "Superintendent of the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia."

Small packages of proof coins or medals can be sent by registered mail, if eight cents are inclosed for registry fee, otherwise they will be forwarded by express, "charges collect."

JOHN H. LANDIS,

Superintendent.


APPROVED:

FRANK A. LEACH,

Director of the Mint.

PRICE LIST OF GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE MEDALS WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.

| FINE GOLD MEDALS. | | Size. | Price. | NAVY—Continued. | | Size. | Price. |
|-------------------------|---|-------|--------|-------------------------------------|---|-------|-------------------|
| (Struck on order only.) | | | | | | | |
| 1. | TIME INCREASES HIS FAME | 16 | \$9.00 | 28. | COMMODORE M. C. PERRY, from Merchants of Boston | 40 | 1.50 |
| 2. | JAMES A. GARFIELD | 16 | 9.00 | 29. | METIS (Shipwreck) MEDAL | 42 | 1.50 |
| 3. | COMMENCEMENT OF COIN CABINET | 12 | 6.25 | 30. | JOHN HORN (Life Saving) MEDAL | 30 | 1.00 |
| 4. | WASHINGTON AND JACKSON | 10 | 4.50 | 31. | LIEUT. VICTOR BLUE (State of South Carolina), for distinguished services at Santiago, Cuba. | 36 | 1.50 |
| 5. | LINCOLN AND GARFIELD | 10 | 4.50 | WASHINGTON MEDALS—Bronze. | | | |
| FINE SILVER MEDALS. | | Size. | Price. | 1. | PRESIDENCY RELINQUISHED | 25 | 1.00 |
| (Struck on order only.) | | | | 2. | THE COIN CABINET MEDAL | 37 | 1.00 |
| 1. | CABINET MEDAL | 37 | 6.00 | 3. | TIME INCREASES HIS FAME | 16 | .25 |
| 2. | PRESIDENCY RELINQUISHED | 25 | 1.50 | 4. | COMMENCEMENT OF COIN CABINET | 12 | .25 |
| 3. | ALLEGIANCE MEDAL | 18 | 1.00 | PRESIDENTIAL—Bronze. | | | |
| 4. | TIME INCREASES HIS FAME | 16 | .75 | 1. | WASHINGTON | 48 | 2.00 |
| 5. | PENNSYLVANIA BI-CENTENNIAL | 16 | .50 | 2. | JOHN ADAMS | 48 | 2.00 |
| 6. | COMMENCEMENT OF COIN CABINET | 12 | .35 | 3. | THOMAS JEFFERSON | 48 | 2.00 |
| 7. | VALLEY FORGE CENTENNIAL | 25 | 1.50 | 4. | JAMES MADISON | 48 | 2.00 |
| 8. | WASHINGTON AND JACKSON | 10 | .25 | 5. | JAMES MONROE | 48 | 2.00 |
| 9. | WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN | 10 | .25 | 6. | JOHN Q. ADAMS | 48 | 2.00 |
| 10. | WASHINGTON AND GRANT | 10 | .25 | 7. | ANDREW JACKSON | 48 | 2.00 |
| 11. | WASHINGTON WREATH | 10 | .25 | 8. | MARTIN VAN BUREN | 48 | 2.00 |
| 12. | LINCOLN AND GRANT | 10 | .25 | 9. | WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON | 48 | 2.00 |
| 13. | LINCOLN BROKEN COLUMN | 10 | .25 | 10. | JOHN TYLER | 48 | 2.00 |
| 14. | LINCOLN AND GARFIELD | 10 | .25 | 11. | JAMES K. POLK | 48 | 2.00 |
| 15. | JAMES A. GARFIELD | 16 | .60 | 12. | ZACHARY TAYLOR | 48 | 2.00 |
| 16. | GARFIELD WREATH | 10 | .25 | 13. | MILLARD FILLMORE | 48 | 2.00 |
| ARMY—Bronze. | | Size. | Price. | 14. | FRANKLIN PIERCE | 48 | 2.00 |
| 1. | WASHINGTON before Boston | | | 42 | 2.00 | 15. | JAMES BUCHANAN |
| 2. | MAJOR GENERAL GATES, for Saratoga | 34 | 1.50 | 16. | ABRAHAM LINCOLN | 48 | 2.00 |
| 3. | GENERAL MORGAN, for Cowpens | 35 | 1.50 | 17. | ANDREW JOHNSON | 48 | 2.00 |
| 4. | JOHN EAGER HOWARD, for Cowpens | 28 | 1.50 | 18. | ULYSSES S. GRANT | 48 | 2.00 |
| 5. | COLONEL WM. WASHINGTON, for Cowpens | 28 | 1.50 | 19. | RUTHERFORD B. HAYES | 48 | 2.00 |
| 6. | COLONEL GEO. CROGAN, for Sandusky | 40 | 1.50 | 20. | JAMES A. GARFIELD | 48 | 2.00 |
| 7. | MAJOR GENERAL HARRISON, for the Thames | 40 | 1.50 | 21. | CHESTER A. ARTHUR | 48 | 2.00 |
| 8. | GOVERNOR ISAAC SHELBY, for the Thames | 40 | 1.50 | 22. | GROVER CLEVELAND | 48 | 2.00 |
| 9. | MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT, for Chippewa and Niagara | 40 | 1.50 | 23. | BENJAMIN HARRISON | 48 | 2.00 |
| 10. | MAJOR GENERAL GAINES, for Fort Erie | 40 | 1.50 | 24. | WILLIAM MCKINLEY | 48 | 2.00 |
| 11. | MAJOR GENERAL PORTER, for Chippewa, Niagara, and Erie | 40 | 1.50 | 25. | THEODORE ROOSEVELT | 48 | 2.00 |
| 12. | MAJOR GENERAL BROWN, for the same | 40 | 1.50 | SECRETARIES OF THE TREASURY—Bronze. | | | |
| 13. | BRIGADIER GENERAL MILLER, for the same | 40 | 1.50 | 1. | WILLIAM WINDOM | 48 | 2.00 |
| 14. | BRIGADIER GENERAL RIPLEY, for the same | 40 | 1.50 | 2. | JOHN G. CARLISLE | 48 | 2.00 |
| 15. | MAJOR GENERAL MACOMB, Battle of Plattsburgh | 40 | 1.50 | 3. | DANIEL MANNING | 48 | 2.00 |
| 16. | MAJOR GENERAL JACKSON, Battle of New Orleans | 40 | 1.50 | 4. | LYMAN J. GAGE | 48 | 2.00 |
| 17. | MAJOR GENERAL TAYLOR, Palo Alto | 40 | 1.50 | 5. | LESLIE M. SHAW | 48 | 2.00 |
| 18. | “ “ “ for Monterey | 56 | 3.00 | DIRECTORS OF THE MINT—Bronze | | | |
| 19. | “ “ “ for Buena Vista | 56 | 3.00 | 1. | DAVID RITTENHOUSE | 28 | 1.25 |
| 20. | MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT, for Battles in Mexico | 64 | 8.00 | 2. | ROBERT M. PATTERSON | 42 | 1.50 |
| 21. | MAJOR GENERAL GRANT | 29 | 1.50 | 3. | JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN | 50 | 2.50 |
| 22. | COLONEL LEE, “Light Horse Harry” | 25 | 1.25 | 4. | JAMES POLLOCK | 48 | 1.50 |
| 23. | COUNT DE FLEURY, for Stony Point | 33 | 1.50 | 5. | HENRY R. LINDERMAN | 50 | 2.00 |
| 24. | ANTHONY WAYNE, for Stony Point | 36 | 1.50 | 6. | HORATIO C. BURCHARD | 50 | 2.00 |
| 25. | NATHANIEL GREEN, for Eutaw Springs | 40 | 1.50 | 7. | JAMES P. KIMBALL | 50 | 2.00 |
| 26. | PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEERS, Action on Lake Erie | 56 | 3.00 | 8. | EDWARD O. LEECH | 50 | 2.00 |
| 27. | MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT (Commonwealth of Virginia) | 56 | 3.00 | 9. | R. E. PRESTON | 50 | 2.00 |
| 28. | COLONEL ARMSTRONG, for Destruction of the Indian Village of Kittanning. | 27 | 1.00 | 10. | GEORGE E. ROBERTS | 50 | 2.00 |
| NAVY—Bronze. | | Size. | Price. | SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE MINT—Bronze. | | | |
| 1. | JOHN PAUL JONES, for Serapis | | | 36 | 1.50 | 1. | A. LOUDON SNOWDEN |
| 2. | CAPTAIN THOMAS TRUXTON, for the action with the Frigate D'Insurgente. | 35 | 1.50 | 2. | DANIEL M. FOX | 48 | 2.00 |
| 3. | CAPTAIN HULL, for Capture of the Guerriere | 40 | 1.50 | 3. | OLIVER C. BOSBYSHILL | 48 | 2.00 |
| 4. | CAPTAIN JACOB JONES, for Capture of the Frolic | 40 | 1.50 | 4. | EUGENE TOWNSEND | 48 | 2.00 |
| 5. | CAPTAIN DECATUR, for Capture of the Macedonian | 40 | 1.50 | 5. | HERMAN KRETZ | 48 | 2.00 |
| 6. | CAPTAIN BAINBRIDGE, for Capture of the Java | 40 | 1.50 | 6. | JOHN H. LANDIS | 48 | 2.00 |
| 7. | CAPTAIN LAWRENCE, for the Capture of the Peacock | 40 | 1.50 | MISCELLANEOUS—Bronze. | | | |
| 8. | CAPTAIN BURROWS, for the Capture of the Boxer | 40 | 1.50 | 1. | JAPANESE EMBASSY MEDAL | 43 | 2.00 |
| 9. | LIEUTENANT MCCALL, for Capture of the Boxer | 40 | 1.50 | 2. | DR. FREDERICK ROSE, for Skill and Humanity | 48 | 2.50 |
| 10. | CAPTAIN PERRY, Capture of the British Fleet on Lake Erie. | 40 | 1.50 | 3. | ALLEGIANCE MEDAL | 18 | .25 |
| 11. | CAPTAIN ELLIOTT, for the same | 40 | 1.50 | 4. | PROF. LOUIS AGASSIZ MEDAL | 30 | 1.50 |
| 12. | CAPTAIN WARRINGTON, for Capture of the Eperveir | 40 | 1.50 | 5. | INDIAN PEACE MEDAL | 27 | 1.00 |
| 13. | CAPTAIN BLAKELY, for Capture of the Reinder | 40 | 1.50 | 6. | DR. HOSACK | 21 | .25 |
| 14. | CAPTAIN MACDONOUGH, for Capture of the British Fleet on Lake Champlain. | 40 | 1.50 | 7. | FIRST STEAM COINAGE | 16 | .25 |
| 15. | CAPTAIN HENLEY, for the same | 40 | 1.50 | 8. | PACIFIC RAILROAD MEDAL | 29 | 1.00 |
| 16. | LIEUTENANT CASSIN, for the same | 40 | 1.50 | 9. | EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION MEDAL | 29 | 1.00 |
| 17. | CAPTAIN BIDDLE, for Capture of the Penguin | 40 | 1.50 | 10. | CYRUS W. FIELD, Atlantic Cable Medal | 64 | 8.00 |
| 18. | CAPTAIN STEWART, for Capture of the Cyane and Levant | 40 | 1.50 | 11. | DR. JOSEPH PANCOAST | 48 | 2.00 |
| 19. | CAPTAIN ED. PREBLE, before Tripoli | 40 | 1.50 | 12. | GRANT'S INDIAN PEACE MEDAL | 40 | 2.00 |
| 20. | RESCUE OF Officers and Crew, Brig Somers | 36 | 1.50 | 13. | HAYES “ “ “ Oblong | | 2.00 |
| 21. | CAPTAIN INGRAHAM, for Rescue of Martin Koszta | 64 | 3.00 | 14. | GARFIELD “ “ “ “ | | 2.00 |
| 22. | SHIPWRECK MEDAL | 40 | 1.50 | 15. | ARTHUR “ “ “ “ | | 2.00 |
| 23. | U. S. COAST SURVEY, for Gallantry and Humanity | 21 | .50 | 16. | CLEVELAND “ “ “ “ | | 2.00 |
| 24. | CAPTAIN PERRY (State of Pennsylvania), for Capture of the British Fleet on Lake Erie. | 40 | 1.50 | 17. | HARRISON “ “ “ Oblong | | 2.00 |
| 25. | CAPTAINS CREIGHTON, LOW, and STOUFFER, Wreck of Steamer San Francisco. | 47 | 2.00 | 18. | HARRISON “ “ “ Round | 48 | 2.00 |
| 26. | DITTO, by Congress | 50 | 2.00 | 19. | “LET US HAVE PEACE” | 29 | 1.00 |
| 27. | CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, by Congress | 48 | 2.00 | 20. | SEWARD ROBINSON | 48 | 2.50 |
| | | | | 21. | U. S. DIPLOMATIC MEDAL, July 4, 1776 | 45 | 2.00 |
| | | | | 22. | VALLEY FORGE CENTENNIAL | 25 | .50 |
| | | | | 23. | GREAT SEAL MEDAL | 39 | 1.50 |
| | | | | 24. | JOSEPH FRANCIS MEDAL | 64 | 8.00 |

 The diameter of the medals is expressed by numbers, each of which indicates the sixteenth of an inch.

FINDS CENT LOST BY LINCOLN

Woman Refuses \$250 for Penny Said
to Have Been "Honest Abe's."

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Oct. 2.—Mrs. J. L. Underwood has a copper cent bearing the date of 1818, which once was owned by Abraham Lincoln and was lost by him.

She has refused \$250 for it. Mrs. Underwood found the coin while digging in a field near Lincoln City, Ind. She was informed by Joseph Gentry, an old resident, that the penny was one of four or five that Lincoln carried on a string. Lincoln had told Gentry of losing one of the coins. There is a hole in the penny thru which the string had run.

1919

Penny found on Thomas Lincoln farm

Ross Bickel is in possession of an old
time copper penny which was dug up on
the forty acres south of Lerna. Once
owned by Thomas Lincoln. The date
is not clear only the three figures, 182,
can be traced.

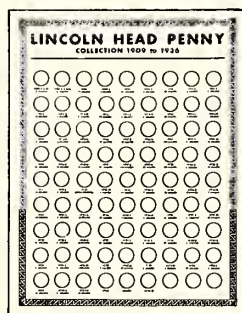
James B. Bickel 7-5-27

Pennies for Lincoln University

The Sunday School of the Grove Street Congregational Church has just carried out its annual custom of donating all Lincoln pennies its members gather during the month of February for the benefit of Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tenn. The school has been making similar gifts every February, the month of Abraham Lincoln's birth, since shortly after the university was founded in 1897, according to Miss Louise E. McDaniel, former secretary to Dr. Stewart W. McClelland, president of the institution, and who was in this city Sunday to address the Sunday school group in recognition of its philanthropy. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Dann of 108 North Maple avenue while here.

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March 5, 1939*

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| INDIAN HEAD PENNY | | | | LINCOLN HEAD PENNY | | | | LIBERTY HEAD NICKEL | | | BUFFALO NICKEL | | | |
|-------------------|------|------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------|------|--------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| EAGLE | 1865 | 1881 | 1897 | 1909-VBO | 1915-D | 1923 | 1929-D | 1883 | 1893 | 1904 | 1913 | 1918 | 1924-S | 1929 |
| 1856 | 1866 | 1882 | 1898 | 1909-S | 1916 | 1923-S | 1930 | 1883-C | 1894 | 1905 | 1913-S | 1918-S | 1924-D | 1929-S |
| 1857 | 1867 | 1883 | 1899 | 1909 | 1916-S | 1924 | 1930-S | 1884 | 1895 | 1906 | 1913-D | 1918-D | 1925 | 1929-D |
| 1858-LL | 1868 | 1884 | 1900 | 1909-S | 1916-D | 1924-S | 1930-D | 1885 | 1896 | 1907 | 1914 | 1919 | 1925-S | 1930 |
| 1858-SL | 1869 | 1885 | 1901 | 1910 | 1917 | 1924-D | 1931 | 1886 | 1897 | 1908 | 1914-S | 1919-S | 1925-D | 1930-S |
| COPPER NICKEL | 1870 | 1886 | 1902 | 1910-S | 1917-S | 1925 | 1931-S | 1887 | 1898 | 1909 | 1914-D | 1919-D | 1926 | 1931-S |
| | 1871 | 1887 | 1903 | 1911 | 1917-D | 1925-S | 1931-D | 1888 | 1899 | 1910 | 1915 | 1920 | 1926-S | 1934 |
| 1859 | 1872 | 1888 | 1904 | 1911-S | 1918 | 1925-D | 1932 | 1889 | 1900 | 1911 | 1915-S | 1920-S | 1926-D | 1934-D |
| 1860 | 1873 | 1889 | 1905 | 1911-D | 1918-S | 1926 | 1932-D | 1890 | 1901 | 1912 | 1915-D | 1920-D | 1927 | 1935 |
| 1861 | 1874 | 1890 | 1906 | 1912 | 1918-D | 1926-S | 1933 | 1891 | 1902 | 1912-S | 1916 | 1921 | 1927-S | 1935-S |
| 1862 | 1875 | 1891 | 1907 | 1912-S | 1919 | 1926-D | 1933-D | 1892 | 1903 | 1912-D | 1916-S | 1921-S | 1927-D | 1935-D |
| 1863 | 1876 | 1892 | 1908 | 1912-D | 1919-S | 1927 | 1934 | | | | 1916-D | 1923 | 1928 | 1936 |
| 1864 | 1877 | 1893 | 1908-S | 1913 | 1919-D | 1927-S | 1934-D | | | | 1917 | 1923-S | 1928-S | 1936-S |
| BRONZE | 1878 | 1894 | 1909 | 1913-S | 1920 | 1927-D | 1935 | | | | 1917-S | 1924 | 1928-D | 1936-D |
| 1864 | 1879 | 1895 | 1909-S | 1913-D | 1920-S | 1928 | 1935-S | | | | 1917-D | | | 1937 |
| 1864-L | 1880 | 1896 | | 1914 | 1920-D | 1928-S | 1935-D | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1914-S | 1921 | 1928-D | 1936 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1914-D | 1921-S | 1929 | 1936-S | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1915 | 1922 | 1929-S | 1936-D | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1915-S | 1922-D | | 1937 | | | | | | | |

PLACE A CIRCLE AROUND THE DATES AS YOU SECURE THESE COINS.

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LIBERTY QUARTER

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|------------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| 1916 | 1919-D | 1926-S | Washing- |
| 1917 | 1920 | 1926-D | ton Head |
| 1917-S | 1920-S | 1927 | 1932 |
| 1917-D | 1920-D | 1927-S | 1932-S |
| No stars under eagle on first 4 | 1921 | 1927-D | 1932-D |
| 1917 | 1923 | 1928 | 1934 |
| 1917-S | 1923-S | 1928-S | 1934-D |
| 1917-D | 1924 | 1928-D | 1935 |
| 1918 | 1924-S | 1929 | 1935-S |
| 1918-S | 1924-D | 1929-S | 1935-D |
| 1918-D | 1925 | 1929-D | 1936 |
| 1919 | 1926 | 1930 | 1936-S |
| 1919-S | | 1930-S | 1936-D |
| | | | 1937 |

COIN COLLECTOR CARDS

WHITMAN Coin Collector Cards for pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half-dollars, etc., were designed to modernize the age-old hobby of Coin Collecting. There is something fascinating about searching through ordinary pocket change for coins to fill in the blank spaces. Hundreds, old and young, have enjoyed the genuine thrill of completing a set of Lincoln Pennies, Buffalo Nickels, or other types. All coins represented on the Cards are in circulation, or available.

The Cards are made of sturdy board, printed in silver on a blue suede-like surface. The die-cut openings are arranged by consecutive dates and the various mints. Coinage information appears beneath each opening and on the reverse side of each card. The cards are made to fit a standard 11"x14" picture frame.

These convenient coin cards introduce an interesting and educational hobby, and for many, a life-long association with serious coin collecting.

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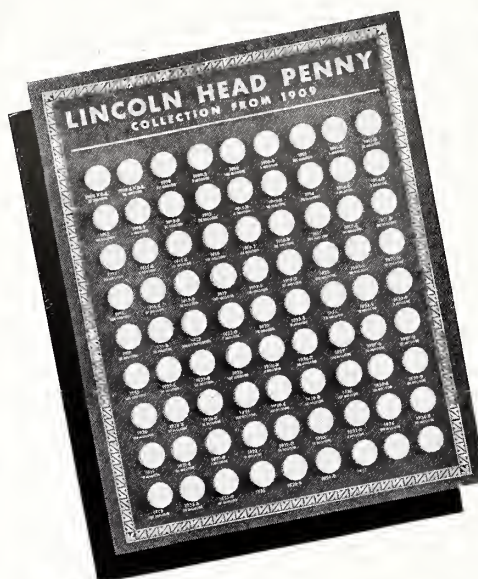
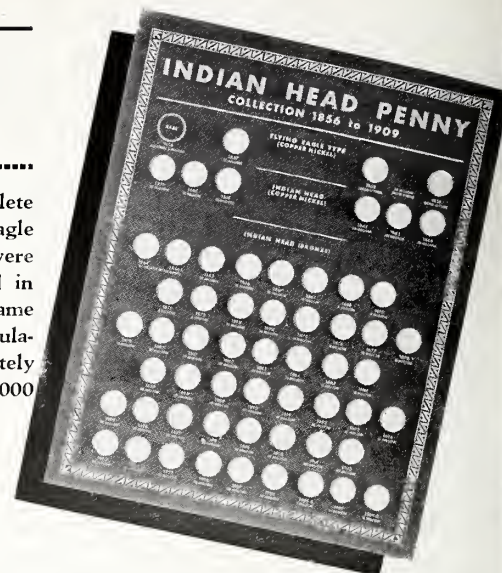
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No. 354 Indian Head Penny

Collection 1856-1909 Inclusive

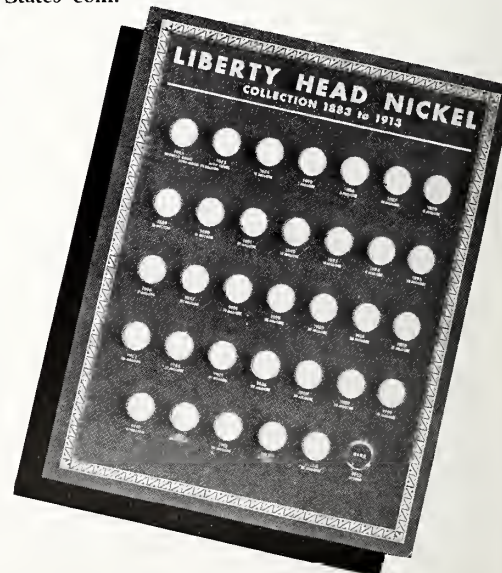
This board provides spaces for the complete Indian Head Penny collection. The Flying Eagle type 1856-1858 included on this board were the first small cents minted, to be followed in 1859 by the first Indian Head cents of the same size. Most Indian Head Pennies are in circulation, or available. There were approximately 1,849,321,000 Indian Head and 42,050,000 Eagle pennies minted.



No. 355 Lincoln Head Penny

Collection from 1909

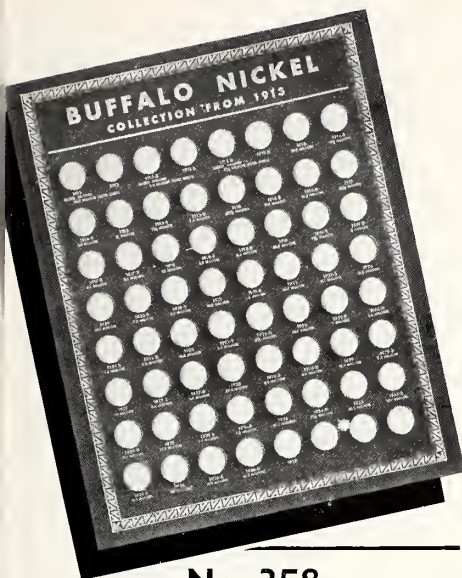
All Lincoln Head Pennies to date are represented. The Lincoln Penny, designed by Victor D. Brenner, was first minted in 1909. His initials appear on some of the pennies of that year. There were 5,708,433,000 Lincoln Pennies minted from 1909 to 1936, a total larger than that of any other United States coin.



No. 356 Liberty Head Nickel

Collection 1883 to 1913

Spaces for all Liberty Head Nickels are included on this card. There are 33 recognized date and mint varieties with a total coinage of 602,086,411.



No. 358 Morgan Dime — Liberty Head

Collection 1892-1916 Inclusive

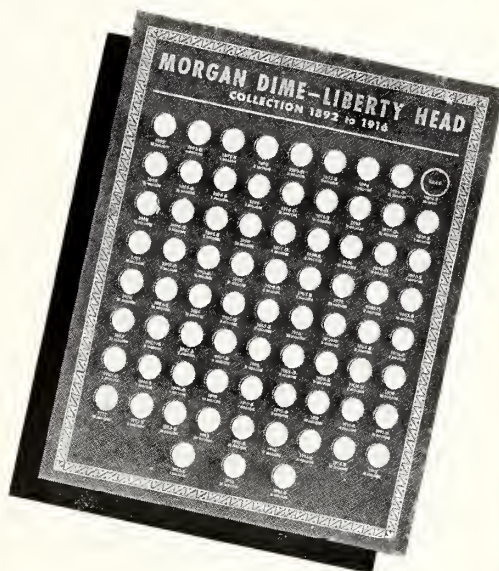
Spaces are provided for the complete set of Morgan type dimes. G. T. Morgan designed the silver dollar of this type in 1878. Charles E. Barber, however, designed this Liberty Head Dime. His initial "B" appears on the truncation of the Liberty Head. There were 504,257,128 Morgan Type Dimes minted from 1892 to 1916.



No. 357 Buffalo Nickel

Collection from 1913

The Buffalo Nickel, first minted in 1913, was designed by James E. Fraser. His initial "F" appears just below the date. Up to 1937, 1,721,991,000, of this type nickel had been minted.



No. 359 Mercury Head Dime

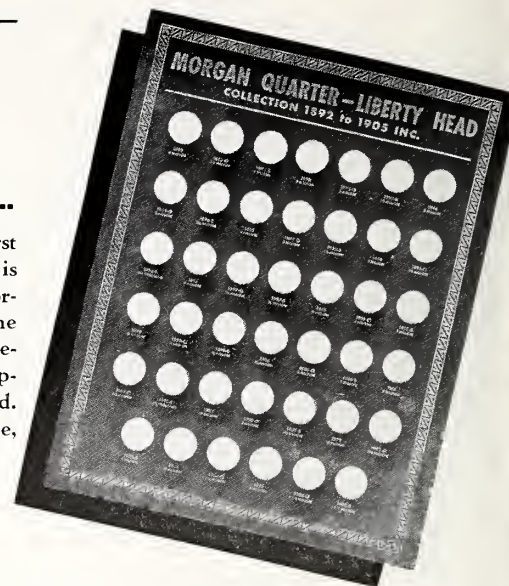
Collection from 1916

All Mercury Dimes from 1916 to date are provided for on this board. A. A. Weinman designed this dime. His monogram appears above and at the right of the date. Approximate coinage of this type, up to 1937, was 862,024,000.

No. 362 Morgan Quarter — Liberty Head No. 1

Collection 1892-1905 Inclusive

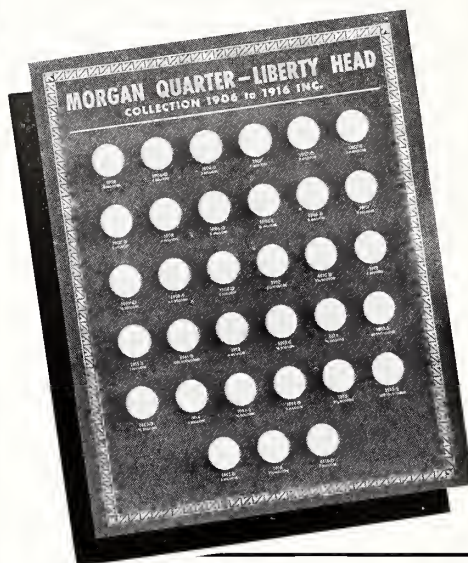
This board provides spaces for the first group of Morgan quarters. This quarter is called the "Morgan type," since G. T. Morgan, in 1878, designed a silver dollar of the same type. However, James E. Barber designed this quarter and his initial "B" appears on the truncation of the Liberty Head. In this period from 1892 to 1905 inclusive, 164,375,196 quarters were minted.



No. 363 Morgan Quarter — Liberty Head No. 2

Collection 1906-1916 Inclusive

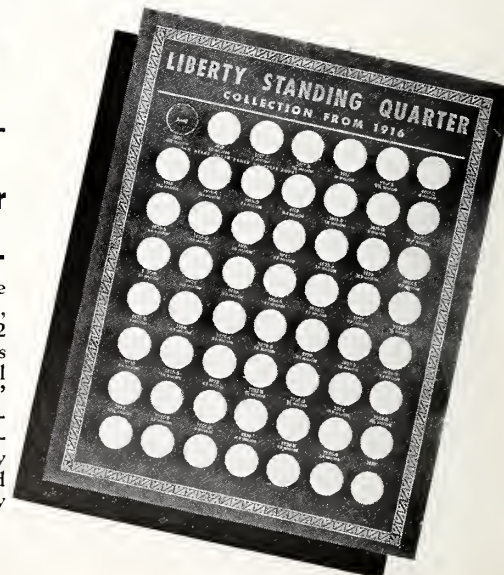
The second group of Morgan Quarters are represented on this board. There were 99,810,872 Liberty Head quarters minted in the period from 1906 to 1916 inclusive.

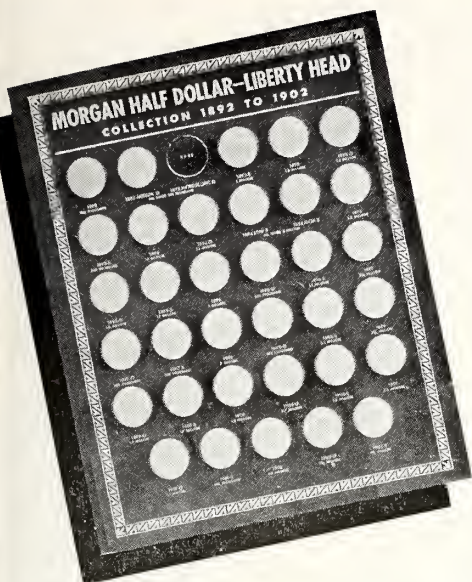


No. 361 Liberty Standing Quarter

Collection from 1916

This board provides for all quarters of the Liberty Standing type from 1916 to 1930, and Washington Head quarters from 1932 to date. The Liberty Standing Quarter was designed by Herman MacNeil, whose initial appears opposite the mint mark. The "JF" on the truncation of the head on Washington Quarters is for John Flanagan, the designer. There were 238,862,000 Liberty Standing Quarters minted. Washington Head Quarters minted to 1937 total approximately 136,112,000.





No. 365 Morgan Half Dollar— Liberty Head No. 1

Collection 1892-1902

The first group of Morgan Half Dollars are represented on this board. Like the Morgan Dime and Quarter, this Liberty Head half dollar is of the same type as the silver dollar designed in 1878 by G. T. Morgan. There were 59,472,387 half dollars minted during this period.

No. 366 Morgan Half Dollar— Liberty Head No. 2

Collection 1903-1915

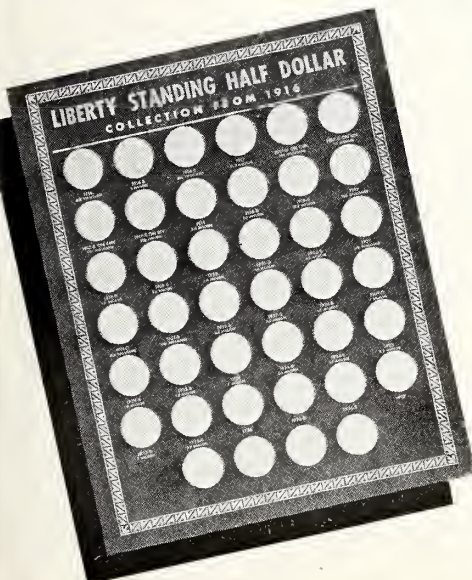
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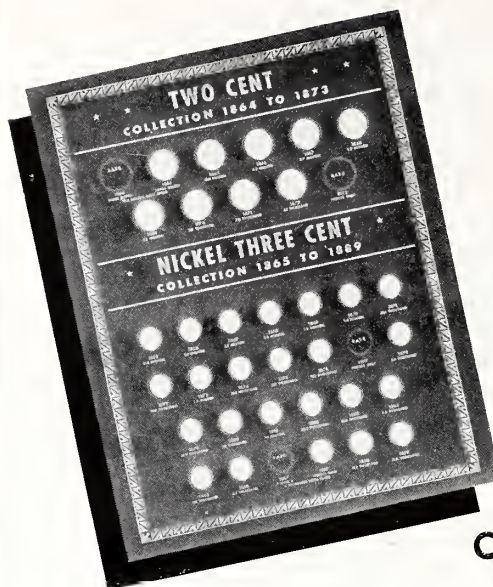


No. 367 Liberty Standing Half Dollar

Collection from 1916

All Liberty Standing half dollars to date are represented on this board. There were approximately 122,628,000 of this type half dollar minted since 1916.





No. 368—Two Cent

Collection 1864-1873

Nickel Three Cent

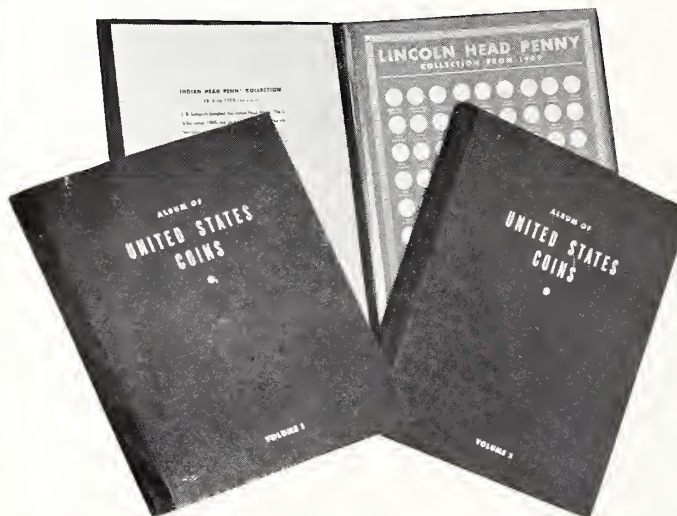
Collection 1865-1889

Both denominations are combined on this board and spaces are provided for a complete collection of each. Most of these coins are available. Only a few are rare and are so indicated on the board. Coinage for two cent pieces was 45,601,000; Nickel Three Cent pieces, 31,378,316.

No. 364 Commemorative Half Dollars



This board is size 7x9", enclosed in a cellophane jacket. The coins can be viewed from either side. This style board permits individual arrangement in small units.



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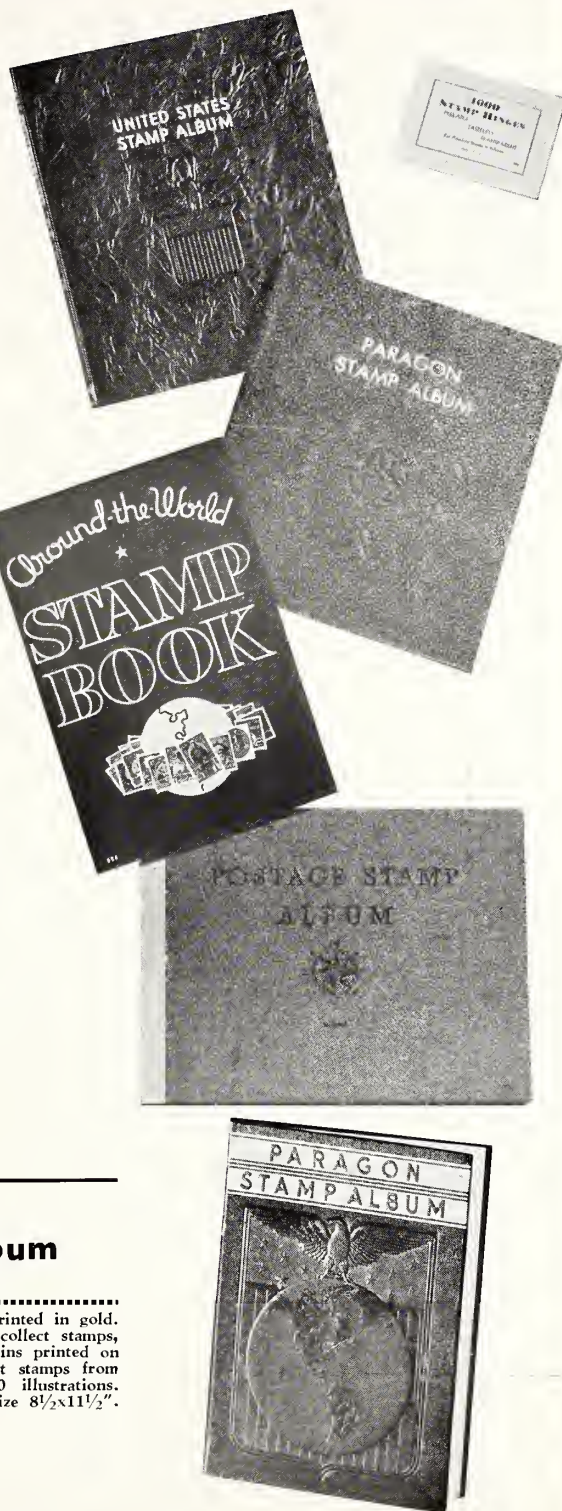
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1938.

Borucki Gives His Pennies To Laud Abraham Lincoln

The Borucki family in Berwyn are staunch Lincoln admirers. A year ago they visited the New Salem State Park near Springfield. In the historical museum Mr. Borucki said:

"I wish I could add something to this memorial to Abraham Lincoln."

Mr. Borucki, whose initials are T. J., and who lives at 2332 South Clinton avenue, Berwyn, has been a streetcar conductor for the Chicago Surface Lines for 30 years. All the way home from New Salem he pondered on how he could add something to that Lincoln memorial. Then he had an inspiration: Conductor, pennies, Lincoln pennies collection.

The other day he surprised the director of the Department of Public Works and Buildings of the State of Illinois by offering a complete collection of Lincoln pennies (numbering 84 from 1909 through 1938) as his contribution to the Lincoln historical museum.

Studies Disclose Pennies.

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He explained the "S" and "D" denote the mints at San Francisco and Denver. "V. D. B." appeared on the backs of two types of Lincoln pennies in 1909, the initials of the designer, Victor D. Brenner. The complete set of pennies, Mr. Borucki said, is valued by collectors at \$93.

During the last year he has gathered three sets. One he presented to the Chicago Historical Society. He

also has made collections of Indian pennies and Liberty nickels.

"Bit" on Liberty Gag.

"I bit on the old 1913 Liberty nickel gag," he said, laughing, "like every other guy who starts collecting coins. One of the fellows over at the North avenue car barns, where I work, told me he could get \$500 for every 1913 Liberty nickel. I hate to think of the sleep I lost studying handfuls of nickels. Then I found out there is no such animal as a 1913 Liberty nickel. That's the year they started the buffalo pattern."

The rarest Lincoln penny is the 1914-D. It is worth \$7.50.

"It's a fascinating hobby," he said. "And what's a few hours sleep compared to finding a rare one? People are spending more pennies nowadays than they used to, which is a break for me. I can always tell when the old penny bank or prized collection has been broken into. The other day a woman gave me seven Indian pennies for her fare. I had to look twice because we see about one Indian penny a month."

Mr. Borucki and the family are planning a trip to New Salem State Park soon.

"We want to see how that collection looks under glass," he said.

PENNIES TO LINCOLN

Borucki Collection Given to Historical Museums

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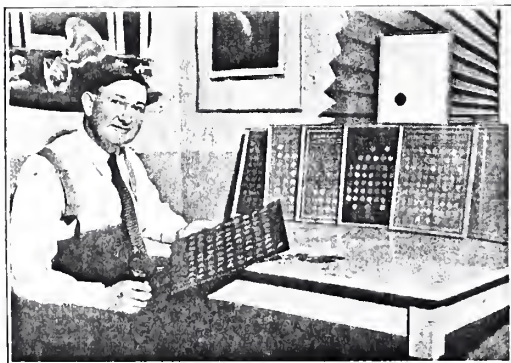
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Borucki With His Coin Collection

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"We want to see how that collection looks under glass," Borucki said.



AUSTIN W. STULTS

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FORT WAYNE, 2, INDIANA

January 7, 1946

Dr. Louis A. Warren
Historical Director
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co
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| | |
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| 3 - 1909 S.V.D.B. | 2 - 1924 - S |
| 2 - 1909 - S | 2 - 1924 - D |
| 3 - 1911 - S | 1 - 1927 - S |
| 2 - 1912 - S | 2 - 1931 - S |
| 1 - 1912 - D | 1 - 1933 |
| 2 - 1913 - S | 3 - 1933 - D |
| 2 - 1914 - S | 3 - 1938 - S |
| 3 - 1914 - D | 3 - 1938 - D |
| 2 - 1915 - S | 1 - 1939 - S |
| 2 - 1922 - D | 2 - 1939 - D |
| 2 - 1922 - D (Broken "D") | 2 - 1942 - S |
| 1 - 1923 - S | |

Sincerely,

Austin

AWS:nv

Doctor Austin W. Stults
Room 537 Standard Building
Fort Wayne 2, Indiana.
Tele. E-3440

RETAILING: Penny Ante

An 1804 silver dollar has sold for about \$10,500. Only twelve are known to be in existence. The others were all reputed to have been sunk in a slave ship off the African Coast. In 1894, the San Francisco mint coined only 24 dimes; nobody can explain why. Only twelve of these are now known and are worth some \$2,500 each. The 1913 liberty-type nickel of the Philadelphia mint, of which only six were struck, are all accounted for; one was sold in 1944 for \$3,750.

Last week in Portland, Ore., the lowly 1939 penny was added to the list of such prize coins. Overnight, it increased its value up to 500 times, not because of any scarcity but because of smart merchandising by the Fred Meyer, Inc.,

stores. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, at Meyer's twelve supermarkets, 72 different items, from a \$5 bottle of perfume to a quart brick of ice cream, were sold for a 1939 penny. Meyer announced the sale in Sunday's Journal with a banner: "See what a 1939 penny will buy!"

Meyer's executives had picked this coin after sorting through \$200 worth of pennies to see which date was scarcest. Actually, their pragmatic test was not an accurate one. If they had consulted any coin dealer, he could have told them that twice as many pennies were coined in 1939 as in 1938.*

The Thirty Niners: Nobody knew how many pennies there were in Portland, because more pennies are hoarded than any other coin. But everybody who had a cache of them at home began sifting through them in search of the suddenly precious '39s. One Portland banker confessed to having gone through 60 pennies at home; he found only three '39s. Another man found eighteen in a quart of pennies and a third got 28 in a cigar-box full.

After people had exhausted their own

*1939: 316,479,520 at Philadelphia, 15,160,000 at Denver, and 52,070,000 at San Francisco.
1938: 156,696,734 at Philadelphia, 20,010,000 at Denver, and 15,180,000 at San Francisco.

Newsweek
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hoards, they demanded penny change in the stores. This stratagem failed, because the store clerks had already sifted them. The penny seekers then descended on the banks, buying rolls of pennies in such volume that the banks had to limit them to three or four rolls to the customer. By Wednesday morning, the last day of the Meyer sale, this tactic too was useless, for someone at the banks—cashiers, or possibly the presidents—had already sifted their remaining pennies and extracted all the '39s. One man bought \$25 worth of pennies at banks and found not a single '39.

At the week end, Meyer's had not yet counted all the pennies, but reported it had taken in more than 500,000. The stores' successful advertising effort to corner Portland's supply of 1939 pennies gave rise to weird reports. A sample wild-eyed rumor: The mint made an error in coining 1939 pennies and made them 75 per cent of gold; they are now worth \$5 apiece. Such hopes were soon shattered. This week, the 1939 penny was worth only a penny, even in Portland.

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Dr. Louis A. Warren, Director
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Fort Wayne 1, Indiana

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A Happy New Year, and considerable success in helping me
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complete my sets.

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| 3 - 1909 S.V.D.B | 2 - 1924 S |
| 2 - 1909 S | 2 - 1924 D |
| 3 - 1911 S | 1 - 1927 S |
| 2 - 1912 S | 2 - 1931 S |
| 1 - 1912 D | 1 - 1933 |
| 2 - 1913 S | 3 - 1933 D |
| 2 - 1914 S | 3 - 1938 S |
| 3 - 1914 D | 3 - 1938 D |
| 2 - 1915 S | 1 - 1939 S |
| 2 - 1922 D | 2 - 1939 D |
| 2 - 1922 D (Broken "D") | 2 - 1942 S |
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This coin bore the christian symbol "I. H. S." meaning "Jesus, the Saviour of Men."

How a Mohammedan coin came to bear this symbol is an interesting story. Gulab Singh was sitting one day talking with the British Resident, Sir Henry Lawrence. The latter, as usual, was busy with numerous papers and was not giving his friend his individual attention. Presently Gulab Singh asked Lawrence: "Why is it that in the end the English always conquer, even though at first all goes against them?" Lawrence, busy and pre-occupied, reached over to a piece of paper and wrote the letters I. H. S. Gulab Singh pondered deeply over this and ultimately decided that the letters were some form of magic that brought victory and power to those who used them.

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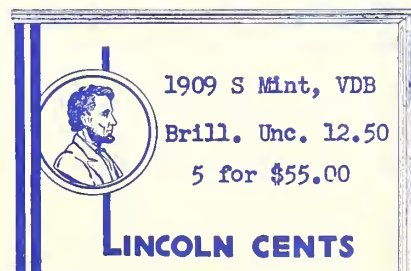
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"Especies sonnantes," that is, metallic coins, had always been rare in the American colonies and in French Canada. The few that were put into circulation from time to time disappeared quickly; the colonists eagerly collected them and melted them down to make silver bowls, goblets or jewelry, or simply stored them away against a rainy day. This lack of actual currency or "hard money" frequently necessitated a resort to barter in the exchange of commodities.

In 1684 Louis XIV of France had sent out the Carignan regiment to Canada, but neglected to send money for the payment of the troops. It was an embarrassing situation for the Intendant, Jacques de Meulles, for the soldiers could hardly be expected to wait for their pay until next summer when the next ships would arrive from France. The Intendant, a resourceful man, hit upon a novel idea for manufacturing paper money to tide them over the emergency situation. Not having a paper mill or a printing press, de Meulles used for the purpose the blank backs of playing cards, of which there were plenty in the colony. On the back of the queen of spades for example, was written "Bon pour la somme de douze livres," while the ace of diamonds was good for three livres. The Intendant stamped each card with the coat of arms of France, and each card carried his signature as well as that of the governor.

For smaller denominations, the cards were cut into halves and quarters, each worth a certain number of livres, sols or deniers. (Under the French regime in Canada money was counted in these denominations and old French accounts, such as the Jesuit journals, use the signs L. s. and d. It is only a coincidence that they should be the same as those which indicate the English pounds, shillings and pence.)

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| 1920 Pilgrim | 1.75 |
| 1921 Pilgrim | 6.00 |
| 1921 Alabama, plain | 8.50 |
| 1921 Alabama, 2x2 | 13.50 |
| 1921 Missouri | 27.50 |
| 1921 Missouri 2x4 | 30.00 |
| 1922 Grant Memorial | 2.50 |
| 1922 Grant with Star | 60.00 |
| 1923 Monroe Doctrine | 2.75 |
| 1924 Huguenot Walloom | 3.50 |
| 1925 California Jubilee | 4.50 |
| 1925 Lexington | 2.75 |
| 1925 Norse, thin | 6.00 |
| 1925 Norse, thick | 1.75 |
| 1925 Stone Mountain | 1.25 |
| 1925 Vancouver | 15.00 |
| 1926 Philadelphia Sesqui ... | 2.25 |
| 1927 Vermont | 5.50 |
| 1928 Hawaiian Sesqui | 30.00 |
| 1934 Maryland | 2.25 |
| 1935 Connecticut | 6.75 |
| 1935 Hudson | 15.00 |
| 1935 Old Spanish Trail | 12.50 |
| 1935 San Diego | 2.25 |
| 1936 Albany, N. York | 3.50 |
| 1936 Bridgeport | 2.75 |
| 1936 Cincinnati, PDS Set.... | 25.00 |
| 1936 Cincinnati | 9.00 |
| 1936 Cleveland | 1.50 |
| 1936 Columbia | 3.50 |
| 1936 Columbia, PDS Set | 9.00 |
| 1936 Delaware | 3.00 |
| 1936 Elgin | 2.50 |
| 1936 Gettysburg | 4.50 |
| 1936 Long Island | 1.50 |
| 1936 Lynchburg | 3.25 |
| 1936 Rhode Island | 2.50 |
| 1936 Norfolk | 4.50 |
| 1936 Rhode Island, PDS Set.. | 6.75 |
| 1936 Robinson | 1.50 |
| 1936 San Diego | 2.25 |
| 1936 San Francisco | 3.50 |
| 1936 Wisconsin | 2.25 |
| 1936 York County, Maine | 2.50 |
| 1937 Antietam | 9.00 |
| 1937 Roanoke | 2.75 |
| 1938 New Rochelle | 5.00 |



A last minute Special

PEACE DOLLAR SPECIAL

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| 1928 Phila. Brill. unc | \$ 3.00 |
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COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLARS

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 1935 Arkansas | 2.25 |
| 1935 Arkansas, PDS Set | 9.50 |
| 1936 Arkansas, PDS Set | 5.50 |
| 1936 Arkansas, P Mint | 2.00 |
| 1937 Arkansas, PDS Set | 11.00 |
| 1938 Arkansas, PDS Set | 17.50 |
| 1939 Arkansas, PDS Set | 60.00 |
| 1934 Boone | 2.25 |
| 1935 Boone | 2.00 |
| 1935 Boone, PDS Set | 9.50 |
| 1935 Boone, Small 1934 | 2.00 |
| 1935 Boone, Sm 34, D-S Set.. | 60.00 |
| 1936 Boone | 2.00 |
| 1936 Boone, PDS Set | 9.00 |
| 1937 Boone | 2.00 |
| 1937 Boone, PDS Set | 50.00 |
| 1938 Boone, PDS Set | 57.50 |
| 1926 Oregon Trail | 1.75 |
| 1926 Oregon, S Mint | 1.75 |
| 1928 Oregon | 3.50 |
| 1933 Oregon | 6.00 |
| 1934 Oregon | 3.50 |
| 1936 Oregon | 2.00 |
| 1936 Oregon, S Mint | 5.00 |
| 1937 Oregon | 2.00 |
| 1938 Oregon, PDS Set | 9.50 |
| 1939 Oregon, PDS Set | 27.50 |
| 1934 Texas | 2.00 |
| 1935 Texas, P Mint | 2.00 |
| 1935 Texas, PDS Set | 5.00 |
| 1936 Texas, PDS Set | 6.00 |
| 1937 Texas, PDS Set | 6.50 |
| 1938 Texas, PDS Set | 26.00 |
| 1946 Iowa | 4.50 |
| 1946 B.T.Washington Set.... | 4.00 |
| 1946 B.T.Washington, 1 pc... | 1.25 |
| 1947 B.T.Washington Set.... | 6.00 |
| 1948 B.T.Washington Set.... | 7.50 |
| 1949 B.T.Washington Set.... | 8.50 |

Long faces make short lives.

LINCOLN CENTS

| | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| 1909 Mat Proof, bright | 1.65 |
| 1909-S Unc. 3.00; Very good.. | .75 |
| 1909 VDB Mat Proof | 4.00 |
| 1910 Mat Proof, bright | 1.75 |
| 1910-11-12-13 Br. Unc, each.. | .50 |
| 1911-S Brill. Uncirculated... | 2.50 |
| 1912 Mat Proof, bright | 1.75 |
| 1912-S Brill. Uncirculated... | 3.25 |
| 1913 Mat Proof, bright..... | 1.90 |
| 1913-S Brill. Unc. SPECIAL... | 3.25 |
| 1913-D Brill. Unc. SPECIAL... | 4.50 |
| 1914-15 Brill. Unc. SPECIAL, ea. | 1.75 |
| 1916-17-18-19-20 Br. Unc, ea. | .50 |
| 1916-S Brill. Uncirculated... | 2.50 |
| 1916-D Brill. Uncirculated... | 1.50 |
| 1917-S Brill. Uncirculated... | 2.00 |
| 1918-S Brill. Uncirculated... | 4.00 |
| 1919-S or D, Brill. Unc. ea.. | 1.35 |
| 1920-S Brill. Uncirculated... | 3.50 |
| 1920-D Brill. Uncirculated... | 1.95 |
| 1921 Brill. Uncirculated | 1.45 |
| 1922-D Brill. Uncirculated... | 2.25 |
| 1923-25-26-27-28 Br. Unc. each | .50 |
| 1924 Brill. Uncirculated..... | 1.00 |
| 1924-D Brill. Uncirculated... | 6.50 |
| 1925-S Brill. Uncirculated... | 4.50 |
| 1927-S Brill. Uncirculated... | 4.25 |
| 1927-D Brill. Uncirculated... | 1.85 |
| 1928-S or D, Br. Unc. each... | 2.50 |

INTERESTING EXCERPTS FROM "HISTORY OF THE U. S. MINT"

The first coinage of the United States was silver half-dimes in October, 1792, of which Washington makes mention in his address to Congress on November 6, 1792 as follows: "There has been a small beginning in the coinage of half-dimes the want of small coins in circulation, calling the first attention to them."

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Previous to the coinage of silver dollars at the Philadelphia Mint in 1794, the following amusing incidents occurred in Congress, while the emblems and devices proposed for the reverse field of that coin were being discussed. A member of the House from the South bitterly opposed the choice of the eagle, on the ground of its being the "king of birds," and hence neither proper nor suitable to represent a nation whose institutions and interests were wholly inimical to monarchical forms of government. Judge Thatcher playfully, in reply, suggested that perhaps a goose might suit the gentleman, as it was a rather humble and republican bird, and would also be serviceable in other respects, as the goslings would answer to place upon the dimes. This answer created considerable merriment, and the irate Southerner, conceiving the humorous rejoinder as an insult, sent a challenge to the Judge, who promptly declined it. The bearer, rather astonished, asked "Will you be branded as a coward?" "Certainly, if he pleases," replied Thatcher; "I always was one and he knew it, or he would never have risked a challenge."

U. S. GOLD

DOLLARS

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| 1849 Cl.wreath. Ex. fine.... | \$ 6.75 |
| 1849 Open wreath. V.fine.... | 6.00 |
| 1849-O Mint, Ext. fine..... | 9.00 |
| 1851 Very fine..... | 5.25 |
| 1852 Uncirculated..... | 6.25 |
| 1852 Very fine plus..... | 5.25 |
| 1853 Uncirculated..... | 6.00 |
| 1853 Very fine plus..... | 5.25 |
| 1854 Small, Ext. fine..... | 5.50 |
| 1854 Large, Ext. fine..... | 5.25 |
| 1855 Very fine | 6.00 |
| 1855-O Mint, Very fine..... | 9.50 |
| 1856 Slanting 5, Unc..... | 7.50 |
| 1856 Very fine..... | 5.75 |
| 1856 Fine..... | 5.00 |
| 1857 Very fine plus..... | 5.25 |
| 1861 Very fine plus..... | 5.25 |
| 1862 About Uncirculated..... | 6.25 |
| 1862 Very fine..... | 5.25 |
| 1873 Uncirculated..... | 6.75 |
| 1873 About uncirculated..... | 6.00 |
| 1874 Semi-proof | 12.50 |
| 1874 Uncirculated..... | 6.75 |
| 1889 Brilliant Proof..... | 12.50 |
| 1889 Uncirculated..... | 7.95 |

DID YOU KNOW THAT ???

Our Denver Mint turns out 750,000 shiny new pennies each eight hour day and slightly less than that number of halves, quarters, dimes and nickels in the same period.

\$250,000.00 in pennies would make a pile twelve feet square and six feet high.

Coinage is weighed, not counted, at the end of each run and little discrepancies are immediately apparent.

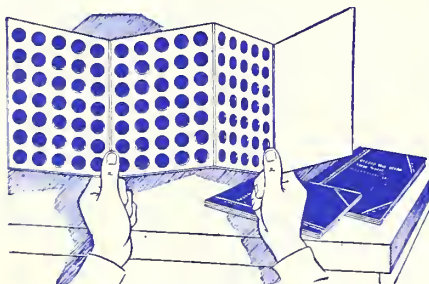
Mint scales often described as the "finest in the world" will register a tiny pencil dot on an ordinary sheet of paper.

Coins are first blanked out in their respective shapes from shining strips of metal, then stamped with inscriptions.

Protective alarms installed in the Mint will sound off at the slightest provocation, including a slight belch.

\$158,000,000.00 worth of gold ingots can be stacked in an area five feet square and ten feet high.

In one year, work clothing, sweepings and bath water from the Denver Mint were processed and returned \$80,000.00 in recoverable gold.



SIZE FOLDED 5 3/4" x 7 1/2"

Made in two tones of blue . . . printed in black and silver, giving a brilliant "Jewel Case" effect to your coin collection.

COMPLETE LIST OF STYLES

- No. 9001 Large Cent 1793 to 1825.
- No. 9002 Large Cent -1826 to 1857.
- No. 9003 Indian-Eagle Cents -1856 to 1909.
- No. 9004 Lincoln Head Cent 1909 to 1945.
- No. 9030 Lincoln Head Cent -Starting 1946.
- No. 9005 Half Dime--1794 to 1873.
- No. 9006 Shield Type Nickel--1866 to 1883.
- No. 9007 Liberty Head Nickel--1883 to 1913.
- No. 9008 Buffalo Nickel 1913 to 1938.
- No. 9009 Jefferson Nickel -Starting 1938.
- No. 9010 Bust Type Dime--1796 to 1837.
- No. 9011 Liberty Seated Dime- 1837 to 1862.
- No. 9012 Liberty Seated Dime- 1863 to 1891.
- No. 9013 Barber Dime -1892 to 1916.
- No. 9014 Mercury Head Dime-- 1916 to 1945.
- No. 9029 Roosevelt Dime--Starting 1946.
- No. 9015 Barber Quarter--1892 to 1905.
- No. 9016 Barber Quarter--1906 to 1915.
- No. 9017 Liberty Standing Quarter 1916 to 1930.
- No. 9018 Washington Head Quarter--1932 to 1945.
- No. 9031 Washington Head Quarter Starting 1946.
- No. 9019 Barber Half Dollar 1892 to 1903.
- No. 9020 Barber Half Dollar 1904 to 1915.
- No. 9021 Liberty Standing Half Dollar 1916 to 1936.
- No. 9027 Liberty Standing Half Dollar- Starting 1937.
- No. 9022 Half Cent--1793 to 1857.
- No. 9023 Silver Three Cent 1851 to 1873.
- No. 9024 Two Cent-Nickel Three Cent 1864 to 1889.

INDIAN HEAD CENTS

Uncirculated and Proof are all bright red or brilliant.

| | V.Gd. | Unc. | Proof |
|------------|-------|-------------|--------|
| 1856 | | | 175.00 |
| 1857 | .35 | 4.00 | |
| 1858 LL... | .50 | 7.50 | |
| 1858 SL... | .50 | 9.00 | |
| 1859..... | .30 | 4.50 | |
| 1860..... | .25 | 3.50 | |
| 1861..... | 1.25 | 7.25 | |
| 1862..... | .15 | 1.00 | |
| 1863..... | .15 | 1.00 | 8.50 |
| 1864 CN... | .50 | 2.75 | 10.00 |
| 1864 Br... | .20 | 3.50 | |
| 1864-L ... | 7.50 | 25.00 | |
| 1865..... | .20 | 2.75 | |
| 1866..... | 2.00 | 12.00 | |
| 1867..... | 2.00 | 10.00 | |
| 1868..... | 2.00 | 9.00 | |
| 1869..... | 2.50 | 12.50 | |
| 1870..... | 3.00 | 12.50 | |
| 1871..... | 3.75 | 15.00 | |
| 1872..... | 5.00 | 20.00 | |
| 1873..... | .75 | 4.25 | 6.75 |
| 1874..... | .75 | 4.00 | 6.75 |
| 1875..... | .60 | 7.50 | 9.00 |
| 1876..... | 1.50 | 7.00 | |
| 1877..... | 9.00 | 50.00 | |
| 1878..... | 1.50 | 6.00 | 8.00 |
| 1879..... | .20 | 2.00 | 3.50 |
| 1880..... | | 1.50 | 3.50 |
| 1881..... | | 2.00 | 3.50 |
| 1882..... | | 1.50 | 2.50 |
| 1883..... | | 1.50 | 2.50 |
| 1884..... | .20 | 2.00 | 2.75 |
| 1885..... | .35 | 5.00 | 6.50 |
| 1886..... | | 2.00 | 2.50 |
| 1887..... | | 1.50 | 2.50 |
| 1888..... | | 1.50 | 2.75 |
| 1889..... | | 1.50 | 2.50 |
| 1890..... | | 1.50 | 2.50 |
| 1891..... | | 1.50 | 2.50 |
| 1892..... | | 2.50 | 3.50 |
| 1893..... | | 1.75 | 3.25 |
| 1894..... | | 2.50 | 3.50 |
| 1895..... | | 1.50 | 3.00 |
| 1896..... | | 2.75 | 5.00 |
| 1897..... | | 2.75 | 5.00 |
| 1898..... | | 2.25 | 4.00 |
| 1899..... | | 2.00 | 4.00 |
| 1900..... | | 1.50 | 3.00 |
| 1901..... | | 1.25 | 3.50 |
| 1902..... | | .85 | 3.50 |
| 1903..... | | .85 | 3.50 |
| 1904..... | | .85 | 2.50 |
| 1905..... | | .75 | 2.50 |
| 1906..... | | .75 | 3.50 |
| 1907..... | | .90 | 3.50 |
| 1908..... | | 1.00 | 3.00 |
| 1908-3.... | 1.75 | 6.00 (F... | 2.50) |
| 1909..... | | .75 | 5.00 |
| 1909-S.... | 10.00 | 25.00 (F... | 12.50) |

Magnifying Glasses

52 MM (Nearly 2 inches in diameter)
12 Diopters - Focal Lens

For many years I have looked for a glass that was adequate and could be sold at a popular price. This one meets both requirements. Nothing fancy - just a plain lens that really does the job. Postpaid....79¢

Look at these

HALF CENTS

10 Different dates, none less than Very good and they will average Fine. 10 pieces\$ 7.95

Indian Heads

12 Different dates 1862 to 1909, all Brilliant uncirculated.
These are really gems - \$9.75

9 Different dates in Brilliant proof condition at nearly 50% discount. ONLY\$ 19.75

Lincoln Cents

25 Different dates before 1943.
Brilliant Uncirculated - \$1.00

TWO CENT PIECES

Set of 8 Different dates from 1864 thru 1871, average near Fine.
The Set\$ 2.65

BUFFALO HEAD NICKELS

20 Different dates in Brilliant Unc.condition including 1931-S and others before this. Catalogues near \$30.00.

Very special.....\$ 15.00

U. S. HALF DOLLARS

10 Different before 1839, all Fine or better. A nice collection and a good investment at...\$ 12.50

COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLARS

10 Different, all Brilliant Unc.
A Savings of 20%\$ 14.95

SILVER DOLLARS

10 Different Morgan type in Unc. condition, from original rolls.
This choice group only - \$16.50

10 Different Peace Dollars, Brill. Unc. Getting more scarce all the time. ONLY\$ 14.75

U. S. GOLD

Gold Type Collection including \$20.00, \$10.00, \$5.00, \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$1.00, all Very fine or better.
The six pieces\$15.00

FOREIGN SILVER

15 Different full dollar size coins of the world in Fine or better condition. From 1650 to 1910. A nice collection - 30% Savings....\$20.00

1946 LUXEMBURG COMMEMORATIVE SET

100 Franc (dollar size), 50 & 20 Francs, silver. Obv: John, called the "Blind" Count of Luxemburg and King of Bohemia. Rev; Head of Prince Jean, Heir to the Crown.
The Set, 3 pcs. Brill. Unc...\$ 7.50
100 Franc, separately, Unc... 5.00

PRICE **25c** EACH

Dr. Louis Warren



The LINCOLN Bulletin

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Fort Wayne, Ind.



No. 90

March 21, 1955

Menge Elected to Institute Board

Walter O. Menge, President, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Institute of Psychiatric Research, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana. The Institute is associated with the Indiana University School of Medicine and will do research in the field of mental illness.

Fifth Agents' Training School Sales Contest

As of March 12

1. J. E. Trabue, Belleville, Ill., \$29,-610.
2. B. M. Rabinovitz, Baltimore, \$26,-665.
3. S. F. Campbell, Urbana, Ill., \$20,-000.

April 16 Post Ad Features LNL's Variety of Policy Plans

"Policies for every purpose and every budget" is the theme of the next LNL ad, which will appear in the April 16 *Saturday Evening Post*.

The ad, a full-page coupon advertisement, emphasizes the wide variety of plans offered by LNL, calling attention also to the Company's reasonable rates. A listing of ten services provides a comprehensive look at the full kit of insurance plans with which every Lincoln agent is equipped:

1. Low-cost plans.
2. Retirement and endowment plans.
3. Special mortgage plans.
4. Family-income plans.

5. Juvenile plans.
6. Participating and guaranteed-cost plans.
7. Accident and sickness insurance.
8. Disability and double indemnity benefits.
9. Group and employee insurance.
10. Impaired risk service.

This ad is designed to introduce the Company to anyone not familiar with it. The ad's explanation of the Company's facilities, its appearance, full-page size, and the fact that it appears in the *Post*, should impress the reader with the Company's size, prestige, and ability to serve his needs. For this reason it can be particularly useful in paving the way to new prospects. By sending a reprint to a prospect in advance of your call you may elicit his interest in one of the plans listed.

Nearly all the Company's sales material can be used in connection with the next ad, except the discontinued material on A & S (*Bulletin*, March 7). You may find the following visual sales kits especially useful, however:

The LNL to Save More Money—Form 7299

The LNL Family Income Plan—Form 7300

Five For One at 21—Form 7303
The Money Plan

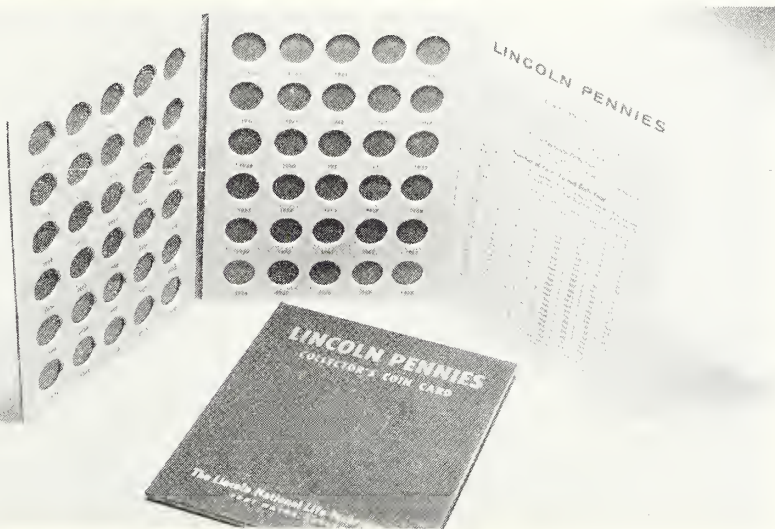
Reprints of the forthcoming advertisement will be received soon, and supplies will be sent to general agents. As before, a copy will be enclosed with the *Bulletin* or *Emanipator*.

Substandard Modified 2 In Three More States

The substandard Modified 2 policy has now been approved by the Insurance Departments of Illinois, Kentucky, and Maryland, and is available for use in these states.

Only Massachusetts and Oklahoma have not yet approved this policy.

Lincoln Penny Coin Cards



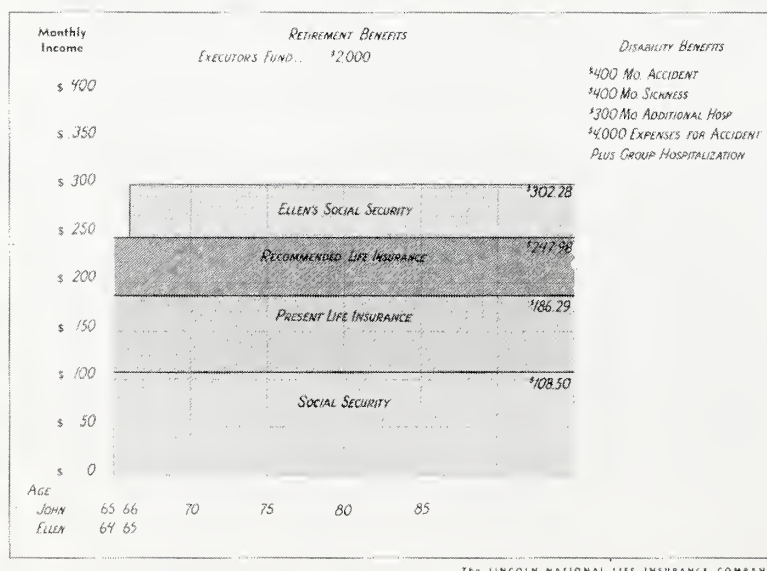
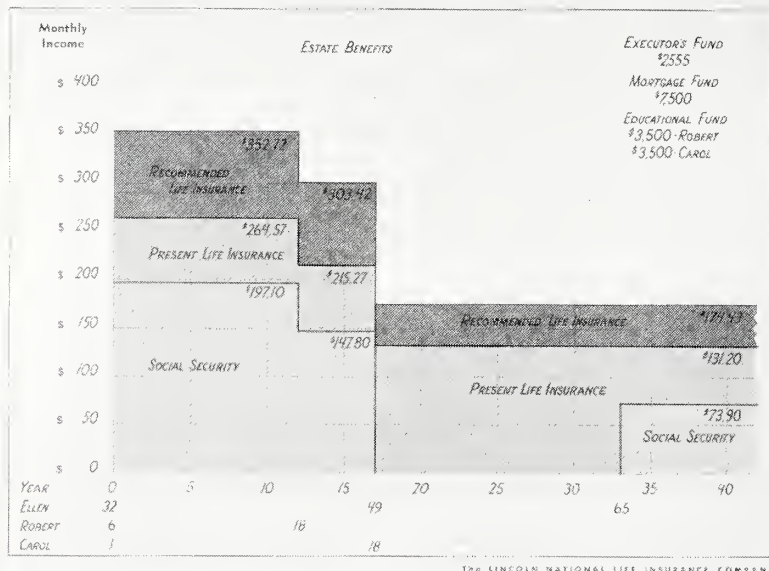
Lincoln Penny Coin Cards are now available and can be ordered from Agency-Supply. The card is in two hinged sections, each 5 3/4" x 7 5/16", and closes to that dimension. Each section is die cut to hold 30 Lincoln pennies. Dates below the coin spaces run from 1909 to 1968. A separation flap contains much interesting information about the Lincoln penny. The card is blue and is printed in black with the cover in copper on blue.

Lincoln Penny Coin Card.....10¢ ea.

New Colored Graphs Are Designed to Aid Security Forecast Demonstrations

The two graphs shown below have been prepared for your Security Forecast demonstrator to help you show a prospect what Security Forecast programming service will do for him. The graphs are attractively colored and illustrate a typical program for a man and his family.

Complete instructions for using this material have been sent to your general agent along with a sample of each chart. All agents who have purchased Security Forecast may order their graphs at no cost through their general agent. The graphs will automatically be included in all new Security Forecast demonstrators.



Burns Is Supervisor In Hackett Agency

The appointment of Robert G. Burns as agency supervisor in the J. W. Hackett agency, Jackson Michigan, has been announced by General Agent J. W. Hackett.

Mr. Burns has been associated with LNL and the J. W. Hackett agency for the past nine years, joining the Company after four years' service in the U. S. Army where he was a captain in the Field Artillery. He has more than \$1½ million of business in force and earned the National Quality Award last year.

O. M. Heine & Associates Celebrate Contest Win

In celebration of their winning the annual "Little Brown Jug" Cross Month contest with the J. A. Galligher, F. J. Mellinger, C. L. Rasey, and H. M. Silin agencies, O. M. Heine & Associates, Toledo, enjoyed a dinner party at the Park Lane Hotel, Saturday evening, February 26. Wives and husbands were guests. Entertainment following the dinner featured Magician J. K. Hirsch, who is also the newest member of the agency. An evening of card playing completed the affair.

Washington, D. C., Leaders Name Gatewood

R. P. Gatewood, C.L.U., Washington, D. C., was elected Chairman of the Leaders Club at the Club's annual breakfast meeting held February 24 at the Army & Navy Club in Washington. The Leaders Club is sponsored by the District of Columbia Life Underwriters Association and is composed of the leading life insurance producers of the metropolitan area of Washington.

"Big Five" Contest In Lanham Agency

The R. B. Lanham agency, Baltimore, has been humming with enthusiasm over the new "Big Five" monthly contest. The prizes offered in this contest go to the wives of the top five agents each month, with rankings figured according to total points earned for both volume and premium income. The awards are in cash and represent percentages of the agents' premium incomes. The higher a place won by an agent among the top five, the higher a percentage of his premium income for that month is awarded to his spouse. Needless to say, the reaction of the wives has been most gratifying.

Dallas Girl Owns All But One Penny Of Lincoln Series

DALLAS, Feb. 12 (AP)—Today's commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's birth lacked only one penny to make 14-year-old Jayne Ann Walker happy.

She has one of every Lincoln-head penny minted except for the 1909 one-cent piece from the San Francisco mint with the initials VDB on the back, for Victor D. Benner, who designed the penny.

Jayne Ann keeps her 135 Lincoln pennies in her great-grandfather's desk.

"He was in Lee's army in the Civil War," said the girl's mother, Mrs. Samuel A. Walker Jr. "If he knew about all those Lincoln pennies in his desk, he'd collapse."

The Coin Collector
October 20, 1958

I have two interesting Lincoln cents for your "Circulation Finds" column. One is a 1955 with most of "In God We Trust" removed. The other is a 1955-D with the raised rim completely gone, the edge being very slightly lower than the rest of the planchet. The "L" in Liberty and the top third of "In God We Trust" are gone also.

—Peter J. Corcoran,
Elkins Park 17, Pa.



Bulletin
No. 4

The Lincoln Digest

DR. LOUIS A. WARREN, *Editor*

Published by
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Fort Wayne, Indiana

COLLECTING LINCOLN PENNIES

Abraham Lincoln was the first famous American to have his portrait appear on a coin of the United States. In 1909, during the one hundredth anniversary of his birth, the Lincoln one cent piece was put in circulation. Each successive year since then the mints of the country have struck off an ample supply of bright shining Lincoln pennies.

The bronze penny, much the same in size and metal content as the one we use now, first came from the mint in 1864 while Abraham Lincoln was President. On one side of the penny was the head of an Indian, symbol of primitive American life. Often it served as young America's first glimpse of the peculiar features of the savage of the wilderness.

As we become further removed from the days of the red man, we pay more attention to those of our own race who have advocated principles and stood for ideals upon which our civilization has been built. It is appropriate indeed that the head of Abraham Lincoln should now appear on the penny, as he has often been called "The First American" and in him we see the personification of our republic.

The head of Lincoln was not placed on the penny without much opposition, because sentiment had been de-

cidedly against the use of portraits of public men on the coins of the land. One editorial writer commented, "No President, with the possible exception of Washington, occupies any such relation to the American people as justifies his being memorialized on their coins."

Largely through the leadership of Theodore Roosevelt, who was then President, the necessary legislation was enacted to authorize the new coin, and a Lincoln bust submitted by the sculptor, Victor D. Brenner, was selected as the model for the design. The profile had been made by Brenner in 1907 and was used on a Lincoln centennial medal in 1909 when it was brought to the attention of President Roosevelt. An heroic copy of the original medalion measuring three feet in diameter may be observed in the Philadelphia City Hall.

When the penny was finally distributed there were many adverse comments, but inasmuch as it was thought the coin would only be used as a memorial penny during the year 1909, some of the objections were withdrawn. One editor looked upon the coin as an omen of ill fortune to the American Democracy, as he observed that "This new Lincoln cent may be said to mark the first visible and outward emblem of the transition from a republic into an empire."

The new penny was issued on August 2, 1909, by the Philadelphia mint and the face or obverse side appeared as follows:

Obverse side—Clothed, bearded bust of Lincoln facing right. Inscription above bust, "IN GOD WE TRUST"; to left of bust, "LIBERTY"; to right of bust, the date, beneath which appears the mint mark if any.

The inscription, "In God We Trust," which until 1909 had not been used on the one cent piece, was appropriately inscribed on the Lincoln penny. A law had been passed by Congress on March 3, 1865, authorizing the use of the motto on American money. This was a month and a half before Lincoln's assassination.

It was the inscription on the reverse side of the penny which drew most attention, however, after the Lincoln portrait had been reluctantly accepted by some:

Reverse side—Two sprays of wheat in a conventional form enclosing inscription in five lines "E PLURIBUS UNUM ONE CENT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA." Between the two sprays of wheat on the inside of the rim the initials V. D. B.

When Victor D. Brenner placed his initials on the coin he did not anticipate the outburst of disapproval over having the design thus mutilated, and pressure was immediately brought to bear upon the director of the mint to have the initials removed. The objection to the inscription was sustained, shipments of pennies were stopped, and new dies prepared to conform to the new order.

The controversy over the sculptor's initials, following closely the heated argument over the use of the portrait of an historic character, gave the new penny tremendous publicity. The coin dealers all rejoiced and filled their vaults with the V. D. B. one cent pieces. Venders appeared on the streets selling the initialed pennies at three for five cents. The daily press reported that at one time the sub-treasury in Wall Street was so congested with people attempting to secure the pennies in exchange for currency that twenty policemen were summoned to maintain order.

Hundreds of coin collections were started with the acquisition of a V. D. B. penny. Yet today, many are not aware that the sculptor's initials were again placed on the Lincoln penny in 1918. No considerable stir was created at the time although the new initials are on the obverse instead of the reverse side of the penny. The V. D. B. inscription is microscopic but plainly visible with a magnifying glass on the extreme lower part of the bust itself, under the shoulder and near the rim of the penny.

The Lincoln penny continued to be coined each year with no change in the design or metal content, until 1943. At this time, to preserve copper, the alloy was changed to a steel and zinc composition. The new pennies were struck off at all three of the United States mints, but in January 1944 the coinage of copper pennies was resumed and the old copper-zinc ratio of 95-5 was restored. The steel pennies will be with us for some time however as there were about a billion of them put in circulation.

In order that one may be informed as to the number of pennies by millions struck off each year, a table presenting this information follows. P=Philadelphia, S=San Francisco, D=Denver.

| DATE | P | S | D | DATE | P | S | D |
|-------|-----|-----|----|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1909° | 27 | ½ | t | 1931 | 19 | ¼ | 4 |
| 1909 | 72 | 2 | t | 1932 | 9 | t | 10 |
| 1910 | 146 | 6 | t | 1933 | 14 | t | 6 |
| 1911 | 101 | 4 | 12 | 1934 | 219 | t | 28 |
| 1912 | 68 | 4 | 10 | 1935 | 245 | 38 | 47 |
| 1913 | 76 | 6 | 16 | 1936 | 310 | 29 | 41 |
| 1914 | 75 | 4 | 1 | 1937 | 309 | 34 | 50 |
| 1915 | 29 | 4 | 22 | 1938 | 157 | 15 | 20 |
| 1916 | 131 | 22 | 36 | 1939 | 316 | 52 | 16 |
| 1917 | 196 | 33 | 55 | 1940 | 587 | 113 | 81 |
| 1918 | 288 | 37 | 48 | 1941 | 887 | 92 | 129 |
| 1919 | 392 | 140 | 57 | 1942 | 658 | 86 | 207 |
| 1920 | 310 | 46 | 49 | 1943 | 685 | 192 | 218 |
| 1921 | 39 | 15 | t | 1944 | 1435 | 283 | 431 |
| 1922 | * | t | 7 | 1945 | 1041 | 182 | 226 |
| 1923 | 74 | 9 | t | 1946 | 992 | 198 | 316 |
| 1924 | 75 | 12 | 3 | 1947 | 191 | 99 | 195 |
| 1925 | 140 | 26 | 22 | 1948 | 318 | 82 | 173 |
| 1926 | 157 | 5 | 28 | 1949 | 217 | 64 | 154 |
| 1927 | 144 | 14 | 27 | 1950 | 273 | 119 | 335 |
| 1928 | 134 | 17 | 31 | 1951 | 295 | 101 | 625 |
| 1929 | 185 | 50 | 42 | 1952 | 187 | 138 | 746 |
| 1930 | 157 | 24 | 40 | 1953 | 257 | 182 | 701 |

° Initials V. D. B. appear.

* None reported, but some in circulation, possibly counterfeit.

t None issued.

The Lincoln penny continued to be coined each year with no change in the design or metal content, until 1943. At this time, to preserve copper, the alloy was changed to a steel and zinc composition. The new pennies were struck of at all three of the United States mints, but in January 1944 the coinage of copper pennies was resumed and the old copper-zinc ratio of 95-5 was restored.

In 1959 the Lincoln Sesquicentennial year the reverse design was changed. There is a three line inscription: "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA E PLURIBUS UNUM". Below the two line motto is the Lincoln Memorial at Washington, D. C., and the inscription "ONE CENT".

~~The steel pennies will be with us for some time however as there were about a billion of them put in circulation.~~

In order that one may be informed as to the number of pennies by millions struck off each year, a table presenting this information follows. P=Philadelphia, S=San Francisco, D=Denver.

| DATE | P | S | D | DATE | P | S | D |
|------|-----|---------------|----|------|-----|----|-----|
| 1909 | 27 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | t | 1934 | 219 | t | 28 |
| 1928 | 134 | 17 | 31 | 1954 | 72 | 96 | 252 |
| 1929 | 185 | 50 | 42 | 1955 | 331 | 45 | 563 |
| 1930 | 157 | 24 | 40 | 1956 | 4 | t | 11 |
| 1931 | 19 | $\frac{1}{4}$ | 4 | 1957 | 3 | t | 10 |
| 1932 | 9 | t | 10 | 1958 | 2 | t | 8 |
| 1933 | 14 | t | 6 | 1959 | 6 | t | 12 |

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* None reported, but some in circulation, possibly counterfeit.

t None issued.

Coinage operations at the San Francisco mint ceased March 31, 1955.

Assignment: Memphis—

Small-Date Pennies Of 1960 Worth Weight In Own Kind

By LYDEL SIMS

I hate to be a spoil-sport, but here's news for people who have been looking for small-date 1960 pennies.

Don't bother.

You've probably heard about the penny craze even if you haven't succumbed. All over town, folks have been searching their change for 1960 pennies on which the date is unusually small.

Well, P. B. Trotter Jr., a vice president of Union Planters National Bank and an ardent coin collector, is an expert on the subject. And here's what he says:

A small-date 1960 penny is worth exactly one everloving blue-eyed cent. No more.

CONSULTED Mr. Trotter on the matter because the rumors have been growing. The Government has called small-date pennies in, somebody told me only Sunday. The banks will pay you \$8 apiece for them.

Unfortunately, they won't. And nobody else will.

The facts of the matter, Mr. Trotter said, are these:

There were indeed a number of pennies put into circulation last year with the date in very small figures. Later the die was changed, and on most of the year's output the 1960 is larger.

That does make small-date pennies a curiosity, but not much of one. There are an estimated two million of them, and

very few things are rare when there are two million of them.

SO HOW did the stories start? Because, said Mr. Trotter, some of the coin dealers undertook to make a good thing of the pennies—and succeeded for a while.

They managed to sell quite a few at premium prices. Some 50-cent rolls were marketed at up to \$200 a roll. Mr. Trotter himself, at a coin collectors' convention, saw a \$50 sack of them sold for \$15,000.

The purchaser, as you might guess, was a Texan.

EVEN NOW, the catalogs still offer single small-date 1960 pennies at from 50 to 75 cents. But that, Mr. Trotter emphasized, is only what you can BUY one for. You can't SELL one for more than a penny.

The dealers buy them only in big rolls if at all, he said, and so far as he knows, nobody in Memphis or anywhere else will give you even a penny extra for one of them.

So if you've located one, friend, you might as well go ahead and spend it. At least it'll buy 15 minutes' parking at some meters in town. Pretty soon it won't even do that.



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|---|--------------|--|---------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| LINCOLN HEAD PENNY Designed by Victor D. Brenner to commemorate Lincoln's one hundredth birthday anniversary in 1909. The 1918 coin was the first cent piece to have the motto "In God We Trust". This style coin is still in use today. The designers initials (VDB) appear on Lincoln's shoulder. During the war year of 1943, zinc coated steel was used to replace bronze coins which were not struck. In 1944 some copper shell cases were salvaged for coinage. The original design of the reverse side was changed in 1959 by Frank Gasparro who chose the Lincoln Memorial. | L1A L1B | Lincoln Head Penny Reverse-Wheat Shield | 1909VDB | Copper Copper | 11-3/4" 11-3/4" | \$ 8.95 8.95 | 1-1/2 " |
| INDIAN HEAD PENNY Designed in 1859. An Indian girl's head was used for the obverse side. The reverse side of that year's penny is the only one that has a wreath without the shield. | 11A 11B | Indian Head Penny Reverse-Wreath Shield | 1859 | Copper Copper | 11-3/4" 11-3/4" | 8.95 8.95 | 1-1/2 " |
| INDIAN HEAD - BUFFALO NICKEL Designed by James E. Fraser the first issued in 1913. Typically American, the Indian Head was modeled after a combination of Indian types: Iron Tail, the Chief who fought with Custer, an Indian named Two Moons and Chief John Tree. The Buffalo was modeled after Black Diamond, a bison who resided at the time in Central Park Zoo. | 5A 5B | Indian Head Nickel Reverse-Buffalo | 1913 | Silver Silver | 13" 13" | 9.95 9.95 | 1-1/2 " |
| MERCURY DIME Also called the Winged Head of Liberty, this coin was designed by Adolph A. Weinman. Issued in 1916 the simple forceful face of Liberty with wings on her cap symbolizes the "Liberty of Thought". The reverse side shows the design of the bundle of sticks with battle-ax, known as "Fates", and symbolical of unity - our Nation's strength, with the olive branch symbolical of peace. | 10A 10B | Mercury Head Dime Reverse-Ax & Olive Branch | 1916 | Silver Silver | 10-3/4" 10-3/4" | 8.95 8.95 | 1 " |
| WASHINGTON HEAD QUARTER The two hundredth anniversary of Washington's birth was commemorated by the issuance of this coin in 1932. The designer, John Flanagan, was chosen by Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury. | 25A 25B | Washington Quarter Reverse-Eagle | 1932 | Silver Silver | 15" 15" | 10.95 10.95 | 2-1/2 " |
| KENNEDY HALF DOLLAR Issued in 1964, A Congressional Act was required to authorize replacing the Franklin Half Dollar. The obverse side was designed by Gilroy Roberts, Chief Engraver of the mint and the reverse side by his assistant, Frank Gasparro. Final approval was given by Treasury Secretary Dillon, after minor changes requested by Mrs. Kennedy. The reverse side, depicts the Presidential Coat of Arms. Picture date is 1967, plaque is 1964. | 50A 50B | Kennedy Half Dollar Reverse-Presidential Shield | 1964 | Silver Silver | 18-3/4" 18-3/4" | 14.95 14.95 | 3 " |
| FRANKLIN-LIBERTY BELL HALF DOLLAR Designed by John R. Sinnock. To meet legal requirements a tiny eagle was placed to the right of the Liberty Bell. | F50A F50B | Franklin Half Dollar Reverse-Liberty Bell | 1948 | Silver Silver | 18-3/4" 18-3/4" | 14.95 14.95 | 3 " |
| SILVER DOLLAR Known as the Peace Dollar, this coin was struck in 1921 and issued in 1922. It was designed by Anthony De Francisci who used his wife, Teresa, as a model for the face of Liberty. The Peace Dollar commemorates the termination of the war between Imperial German government and the United States. | 100A 100B | Silver Dollar (Peace) Reverse-Eagle | 1922 | Silver Silver | 24" 24" | 19.95 19.95 | 5 " |

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A penny worth \$10,000

Rare coin on display at Old Fort club show

By KATHY HOCH
Staff Writer

It looks just like the copper cent pieces that feed parking meters, gumball machines and children's penny banks everywhere.

Only this particular 1943 cent piece is encased in Lucite and has been treated with reverence by collectors since its appearance in 1958. It was the object of vehement denials by the U.S. Mint when coin enthusiasts persisted in spreading rumors of its existence.

The rare, solid copper cent piece — now valued at \$10,000 — was a mistake. It will be displayed this weekend at the Old Fort Coin Club Show at the Imperial House Motel.

"In 1943 the U.S. Mint was supposed to be making cent pieces of steel," explained Gerald Scherer Jr., owner-operator of Group II Investments, a fledgling company that deals in the buying and selling of coins. "But there were some copper blanks left in the machines and some of them got into circulation. When you have tens of thousands of blanks you can't possibly account for every one of them."

The persistent rumors that 1943

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solid copper cent pieces were in circulation were denied by the U.S. Mint until some of the coins were authenticated by experts.

Scherer — who pointed out that cent pieces should not be called pennies because "a cent piece is a United States denomination derived from the decimal system, and a penny is a British Kingdom coin derived from a different system" — said that when the existence of the rare pieces became known, experts were deluged with enquiries from hopeful individuals who thought they had found them.

Still, Scherer estimates that only 14 to 16 of the coins are in the hands of collectors. The rest — if any exist — are still in circulation.

The one in Scherer's possession is
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owned by Earl Armstrong of A-Z Coins & Stamps, Glenbrook Square, and acquired a deep gash across Abraham Lincoln's profile when someone decided to see whether it was copper all the way through.

"They could have held a magnet to it and found out the same thing," lamented Scherer.

The copper cent pieces of 1943 were only the beginning of the U.S.

Mint's embarrassments. In 1944 — when the cent pieces were supposed to be issued in copper — some steel slugs left over from 1943 became stuck in the machines and produced some equally rare 1944 steel cent pieces.

Armstrong, in fact, has purchased a 1944 steel cent piece and hopes to display it with the 1943 copper at the coin show Saturday and Sunday.

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New Varieties Add Spice for Cent Collectors

The United States Mint has apparently given collectors at least seven different kinds of 1982 Lincoln cents. Specialists have discovered that the '82 cents come with both "large" and "small" dates, and since they also come in two kinds of metals and two different mintmark varieties, the result could be a bonanza for numismatic scavenger hunters.

"This is very exciting," says Harry J. Forman, a nationally known Philadelphia coin dealer who has been among the leaders in identifying and publicizing the new cent varieties.

"This could do the same thing for cent collecting as the 1960 large and small dates did two decades ago," Mr. Forman adds.

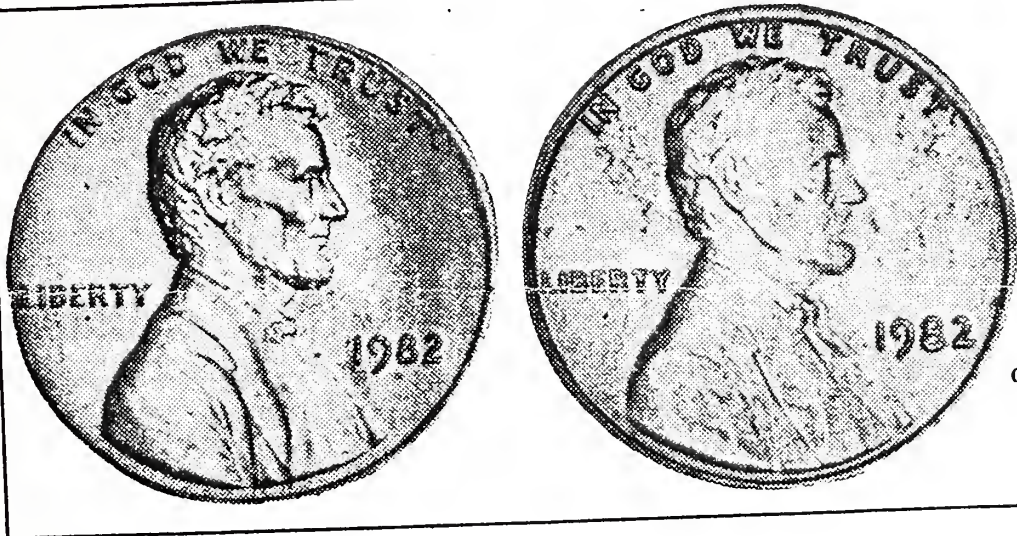
The discovery of those two varieties played a major role in stimulating the coin collecting boom of the early 1960's as hobbyists and even non-collectors scrambled to acquire the much scarcer small-date 1960 cents. At one point, a roll of 50 uncirculated small-date '60 cents from the Philadelphia Mint was bringing upwards of \$800 — and even today the same roll is priced at more than \$100.

The United States Mint prefers to describe the latest cent varieties not as large-and small-date coins, but rather as pieces with high and low relief. Mint officials say the low-relief or "small-date" variety came into being when a new master hub was prepared for the obverse of the cent.

"We had been having some trouble with die life," explains Dr. George E. Hunter, the Mint's acting assistant director for technology. "The average life of our obverse cent dies was down from a million to only about 750,000. So we made selective reductions in the relief and these increased the die life dramatically."

In the process of making the changes, the Mint's chief sculptor-engraver, Elizabeth Jones, sharpened the numerals in the date. As a result, they appear significantly smaller on coins produced with the new dies. Greater sharpness also is apparent in the lettering of the obverse mottos, "LIBERTY" and "IN GOD WE TRUST."

According to Dr. Hunter, the introduction of the new dies was timed to coincide with the start of zinc cent production at the Philadelphia and Denver mints. Both mints had been striking the old-style bronze cents for



Photos of the new one-cent coins show difference between the small date coins, far left and the large date coins, left.

most of this year, but both started making the new cents — which are made of copper-plated zinc — in mid-autumn. However, the two changes weren't synchronized exactly and as a result, some bronze cents were struck with "small-date" dies at the Philadelphia Mint and some zinc cents were struck with the older, "large-date" dies at both Philadelphia and Denver.

Because of this, there now exists at least seven varieties: large and small-date P-mint cents in both bronze and zinc; large-date D-mint cents in both metals; and small-date D-mint cents in zinc. As of mid-December, the only potential variety that hadn't yet turned up was a small-date Denver cent in bronze.

Dealers and collectors are still trying to determine "ballpark" mintage figures for the different varieties. It's obvious that the large-date bronze cents from both mints are plentiful, since those were in production for more than nine months. However, there are questions regarding the relative scarcity of the other varieties.

Julian Jarvis, a dealer from Greencastle, Ind., who handles large quantities of Lincoln cents, believes that of the known varieties, the scarcest is the large-date Denver zinc cent. According to Mr. Jarvis, zinc cents were struck with the old dies for only a few days at the Denver Mint.

Early this month he was selling this variety for \$9.50 per roll, but a price

increase seemed likely, he said, with demand rising and available supplies shrinking. Mr. Forman was selling a two-coin set of large-and small-date P-mint bronze cents for \$2.95 apiece, or 10 for \$15. He was holding off on the sale of other varieties and stockpiling supplies until he could get a better fix on their availability.

Virg Marshall III of Wymore, Neb., one of the nation's biggest cent dealers, thinks the new discoveries could trigger a real boom in Lincoln cents.

"Things have been pretty slow up to now," he relates. "Even with the switch from bronze to zinc, not very much has been happening. But this could wake everybody up. It could even lead to hoarding of cents in general, and if that ever happens prices across the board will go up much faster than you can imagine."



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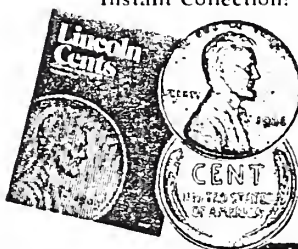


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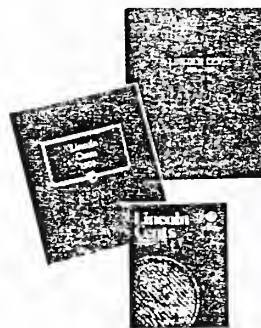
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Thousands of coin collectors are observing their silver anniversary in the hobby. They are among the bumper crop that got their introduction through the "small-date" Lincoln cents of 1960. These coins were the single biggest factor in the hobby's dramatic growth during that period.

In retrospect, the bullaboo over 1960 cents may strike some observers as a classic case of "mountains being made over mole-hills." But, at the time, the coins caused tremendous excitement.

By itself, the small-date cent was an unremarkable coin. The date was not so small that it caused an immediate clamor; it was only a "silly millimeter" shorter than its large-date counterpart. The difference was sufficient to be noticeable. And, most important, the small-date variety proved to be scarce and elusive. The small-date cents were the first to be struck. At the start, no one considered them unusual. In fact, the term "small-date" didn't come into usage until after the release of the large-date cents which gave collectors a basis for comparison.

Mint records indicate that abnormally small numbers of cents were produced during the first two months of 1960 particularly at the main United States Mint in Philadelphia. Apparently, there were still substantial inventories from the year before, when the main Mint and the Denver branch cranked out a combined total of almost 2 billion cents — a near record level for that time. In 1959, the Mint introduced the new reverse design featuring the Lincoln Memorial. That may account for the higher-than-usual output.

The cent's low early mintage didn't draw much notice during the first few months of 1960. What did attract attention was the unexpected appearance of a new cent variety, one whose date had distinctly larger numerals. In March, when the Mint began mass producing 1960 cents, the coins were being struck with new and different dies. Thus was born the large date

cent — and the small-date cent came to be recognized.

By itself, the existence of two such varieties wouldn't have sparked the market boom that followed, if both varieties were common and easy to find. It soon became apparent, that small-date examples were scarce. It almost became apparent that no more small-date cents were being struck. Shipments produced in March and thereafter consisted exclusively of large-date specimens.

Hobby publications and the general press soon were filled with reports of these valuable new cents touching off a nationwide scavenger hunt. From all indications, few escaped into circulation. At Philadelphia, especially, almost all were grabbed up by dealers and speculators in roll and bag quantities. As interest soared, so did the value of the coins. Before long, the P-Mint small-date cents were rising so rapidly that most dealers didn't even price them in their ads. Instead, they used the simple, revealing notation "POR" (price on request).

Exact mintage figures have not been determined. It is estimated that only about two million small-date cents were produced in Philadelphia, out of a total mintage of 588 million. In Denver, where production of both varieties was considerably higher, hobby researchers believe there were approximately 100 million small-date cents out of the overall total of not quite 1.6 billion.

The Numismatic Scrapbook, one of the major hobby periodicals of the day, sought an official explanation and got a statement from Mint Director William H. Brett. It may have been well-intentioned — but, with the benefit of hindsight, it clearly was erroneous. "All U.S. one-cent (1960) production stamping dies were forged

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The Date Made a Difference for the Lincoln Cent



Small date Lincoln cent (left) is more valuable than large-date version.

from the same master hub containing the 1960 date element," Mr. Brett told the editor. "No change was made."

Plainly, that wasn't the case.

Until quite recently, some theorized that the Mint had stopped production and retooled the dies because one or more numbers in the date had gotten clogged. Others suggested that hanky-panky was involved — that Mint employees had engineered the switch for private gain.

Neither was the case, according to Frank Gasparro, who before retiring in 1981 was chief sculptor engraver at the Mint. In 1960, Mr. Gasparro was a Mint staff engraver and witnessed the circumstances leading to creation of the two cent varieties. He shared those observations in a recent interview.

At the start of each year, Mr. Gasparro noted, Mint technicians follow a series of procedures in readying new dies for the various coins. The first step in this sequence is to take the master hub and prepare a master die. Dies are prepared from pieces of metal called hubs — and master dies

and at that crucial point, an error of omission came into play.

Normally, Mr. Gasparro said, Mint technicians would have prepared a second master die — a backup — from the working hub. But in 1960 because of production pressures, they failed to take this step. They had no choice but to use the original master die. Because the "1" and "0" had been cut into that master die by hand, they had to sharpen those numbers before they could use it again.

The differences between the small and large date Lincoln cents are apparent at a glance — especially in the "6" which has a much steeper stem in the small-date version.

While their market value may be down, the small date cents remain intriguing. Their long-term importance as a major hobby catalyst can't be denied.

are made from master hubs. A hub bears the design exactly as it will appear on the coin; a die bears a mirror image of the design and the cycle is then completed. The image is restored to original form when a coin is struck with the die.

At the start of 1960, a Mint engraver — following normal procedures — took out the master cent hub dated 1959; removed the "5" and "9" from the previous year's date and made a master die from the master hub. At that point, the master die, made of steel, carried only the first two numbers "19" from the date. The engraver then added a "6" and a "0" cutting the numbers into the metal by hand. This master die then was used to make a working hub and the hub, in turn, was used to make working dies.

According to Mr. Gasparro, there wasn't any problem with clogging. Early in the year, the working hub cracked while it was being used to produce more working dies. That made it necessary to pull out the master die and make a new working hub

Hobbies

Beware of bronze Lincoln pennies that stick to the fridge

By Roger Boye

Today's column answers more questions from Chicago Tribune readers.

Q—I own a 1943 Lincoln penny made out of copper—rather than steel—and I'm told that my coin is extremely rare. Do you agree?

J.N., Chicago

A—It's probably not.

During 1943, Uncle Sam produced Lincoln cents out of zinc-coated steel to preserve copper for war weapons. But government

workers apparently minted fewer than 100 bronze pennies dated 1943 with "blanks" made for production of 1942 bronze Lincolns. One of those 1943 coins sold for \$10,000 in 1981.

Over the years, pranksters have created thousands of fake 1943 bronze cents by plating the authentic steel coins with copper. You should show your coin to a dealer or other expert.

By the way, a fake copper-plated steel cent is magnetic; an authentic 1943 bronze cent isn't.

Q—I've got a dozen Eisenhow-

er dollars from the 1970s, mostly 1971s, 1972s and 1976s. Is there profit potential in these coins?

J.K., Evanston

A—Like dollars made for circulation between 1971 and 1978 have no special value as collectibles unless they are in choice, uncirculated condition.

Q—I'm told to buy old coins with "CC" mint marks. Why would they be valuable?

N.M., Oak Park

A—"CC" designates the Carson City, Nev., mint, which operated from 1870 to 1893. The

Carson City staff produced relatively small numbers of coins, which today makes many "CC" issues scarce.

Q—Last year, after reading an item in your column, I ordered from the government 10 of the 1990 Eisenhower commemorative silver dollars, but I still have no coins. The check was cashed in October. What do I do now?

G.B., Chicago

A—Write to the United States Mint's Customer Service Center at 10001 Aerospace Drive, Lanham, Md. 20706, or call 301-

436-7400 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. You may be asked for information from your canceled check.

Q—How much does it cost to join the American Numismatic Association? What are the advantages?

A.D., Western Springs

A—Annual dues for persons 18 and older are \$26, plus a \$6 processing fee for the first year. The ANA publishes The Numismatist, a 200-page monthly, and maintains the world's largest circulating library of coin books.

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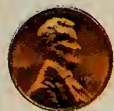
The original Lincoln cent, bearing the initials of Victor D. Brenner.

THE 1918 FIRST "OBVERSE INITIALS" ISSUE



Brenner's initials were restored below Lincoln's portrait. This was the third type of early Lincoln cents.

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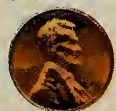
Steel emerged when copper became a crucial component for munitions.

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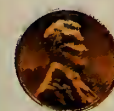
Spent shell casings were recycled into pennies during WWII.

THE 1959 "FIRST LINCOLN MEMORIAL"



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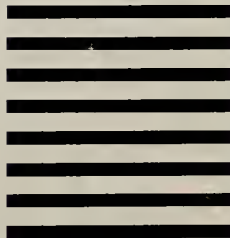
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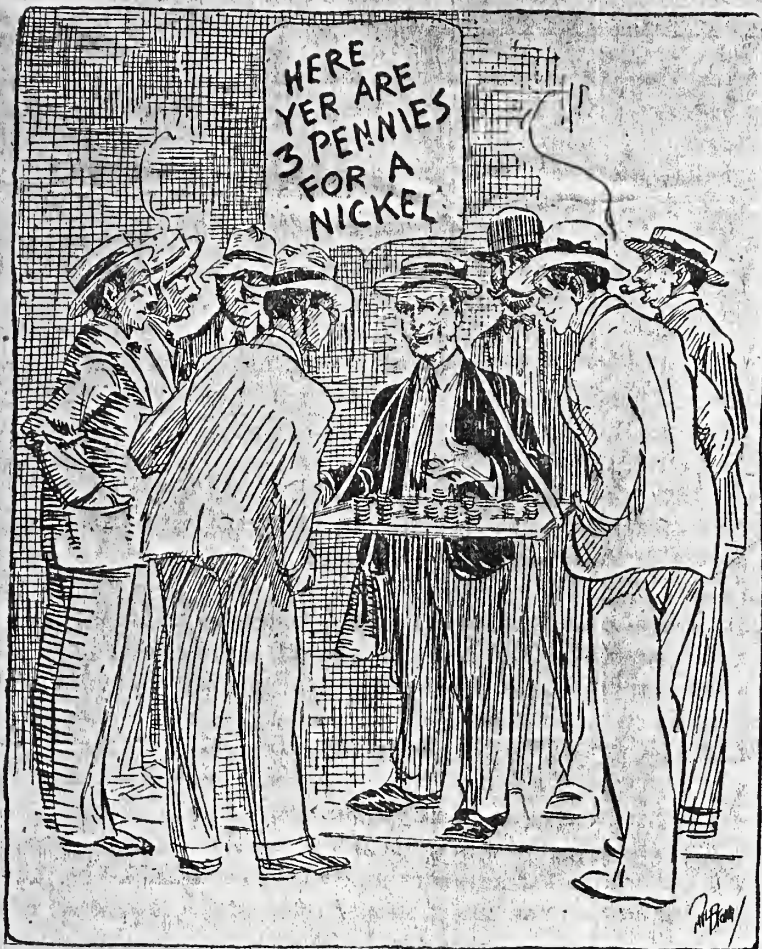
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FORD CAR ON NEW \$10 BILL NOT FIRST TRICK WITH CURRENCY



It was a strange sight years ago to see vendors selling three pennies for a nickel.

SCARCE LINCOLN CENTS

- 217. 1909 Lincoln cent, S mint, with initials V.D.B. **Sharp unc.,** handsome light olive color. Cat. \$15.
- 218. As last. About uncirculated, half red. \$12.50.
- 219. As last. About unc., golden brown. \$12.50.
- 220. As last. Ex. fine, partly red. \$12.50.
- 221. Another, as last, same condition.
- 222. As last. Very fine. \$10.
- 223. As last. Very fine. \$10.
- 224. As last. Fine. \$8.
- 225. As last. Very good. 3 pcs.
- 226. 1909 Lincoln cent, "S" mint. Unc. bright red. Cat. \$4.
- 227. 1909 "S" without VDB, as last. Good to fine. 6 pcs.
- 228. 1910 "S" mint. Fine (1), ex. fine (4), unc. red (1). 6 pcs.
- 229. 1911 "S" mint. Unc. red. Cat. \$3.50.
- 230. As last. Unc., some only partly red. Very scarce. 5 pcs.
- 231. As last. 10 pcs.
- 232. 1917 (3), 1918 (19). About unc. and unc. **Some not fully red.** 22 pcs.
- 233. 1946 S mint. Curiously misstruck cents. Unc. red. 3 pcs.

170. 1795 U. S. halfcent. Plain edge, no pole: Poor.
 171. **Large cents.** 1794 obv. good, rx. fair.
 172. 1794 cent. Hays 24. Good. Cat. \$3.50.
 173. 1800, 1803 fraction 1/100 over 1/000. 1810. Fair. 3 pcs.
 174. 1806 cent. Very good. Scarce.
 175. 1809 cent. Fair, evenly worn. Rare date.
 176. 1822, 1824, 1829, 1857 large date. Avg. good. 4 pcs.

SCARCE INDIAN HEAD CENTS

177. 1864 "L" on ribbon. Good.
 178. 1869 cent. Very good, fine date.
 179. 1872 cent. Very fine, sharp. Cat. \$15.
 180. 1872 fair, good date. 1885 v. good. 2 pcs.
 181. 1894 good and v. good. Scarce. 14 pcs.
 182. 1908 cent, "S" mint. Unc. red. Cat. \$7.50.
 183. Same as preceding. Unc. red.
 184. As last. About unc., partly red. \$6.
 185. As last. Ex. fine, nearly unc. \$6.
 186. 1908 "S" mint. Extremely fine. \$6.

Even though the cent market has not seen a great deal of buying and selling this past year, collector enthusiasm has remained strong.

A report crossing our desk notes that error-coin buffs, in particular, have had some important new varieties to shout about.

For instance, zinc cents have turned up here and there without their copper plating. Being fully struck, they appear to have been made from zinc cent cores that never underwent the plating process. A dealer in New Hampshire has sold about half a dozen of these in a \$175 to \$200 price range. However, there has not yet been a sufficient supply to allow for the establishment of a firm, broad-based market.

We've learned that several months ago, error-coin specialists also detected a 1983-cent with a doubled-die reverse. However, the elements are not doubled as dramatically as those on the 1955 and 1972 doubled-die cents. The error is less spectacular because it occurs on the reverse of the coin and not the front.

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Pennies Worth Just a Cent Unless They Are Unusual

Most Lincoln Coins Lack Unusual Value; Defects Attract Collectors.

The Buffalonian who has been withdrawing a shiny Lincoln penny from his jingling pockets and wondering if it bears any premium may be consoled in knowing that most Lincoln pennies have a value of one cent.

A few, however, are worth more—anywhere from 2 cents to \$1.25. These are relatively rare coins, their value deriving from their paucity. In nearly all cases, they must be brilliant and uncirculated.

For example, the 1909 Lincoln cent with the initials "VDB" (referring to the designer) under the wreath and the letter "S" (referring to the San Francisco mint) under the date may bring from 50 cents to \$1.25. Only 484,000 of these were coined. Those bearing just the "S," of which 1,800,000 were made, are worth up to 40 cents each. The plain variety, of which 72,000,000 were made, bear no premium.

1922 Pennies Scarce.

Any 1922 penny is scarce and may sell for more than its face value. However, the cent with a "D" (standing for Denver) under the date and a crack on the back is worth 18 cents. The crack is due to the fact that the dye broke after half a million were coined. Those without the dye break will sell for 5 to 10 cents.

The 1931 Lincoln penny bearing

an "S" also is scarce. It is worth approximately 35 cents.

Brilliant, uncirculated "S" or "D" pennies of 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935 and 1936 may bring a return of 10 to 25 cents each.

These are not particularly rare coins, but depression-ridden people have hoarded them. New pennies would be grabbed and put away in a safe hiding place until now they bear a premium.

Others Listed.

A few other Lincoln pennies which, according to Jack J. Bishop, secretary of the Buffalo Numismatic club and expert on the Lincoln coins, are worth more than a cent, are:

1910-"S"-2 to 5 cents; 1911-"S"-2 to 5 cents; 1912-"S"-2 to 5 cents; 1913-"S"-2 to 10 cents; 1914-"D"-3 to 10 cents; 1914-"S"-5 to 25 cents; 1923-"S"-1 to 3 cents.

All collectors, of course, will not purchase the coins at these prices. Some have as many as they desire. Others will take all they can get. They emphasize the condition—brilliance and lack of circulation—of the coin.

Mr. Bishop, who gave all the values herein mentioned, said the 1919 Lincoln pennies, about which the Buffalo Evening News has received many requests, have no special value.

Seattle Has Gift Lincoln Library

BY MARIBETH MORRIS

Ellis, 67, of West Seattle has a birthday coming up for Lincoln City, Ind. The present isn't for the town, but for its Abraham Lincoln Memorial Library which will celebrate its first anniversary on February 22.

It consists of an extensive collection of rare Lincoln currency dating from the Civil

War, the smallest of which is a piece of paper once valued at three cents in 1863, but now worth something like \$75 on the collectors' market.

LINCOLN CITY is the place where Abe Lincoln lived as a boy with his dad, Thomas Lincoln and step-mother, Nancy Hanks.

It was here that Ellis' grandparents also lived.

"Tom Lincoln made a cabinet for my grandmother and it's still in the family," he said.

Ellis' father (58 at the time of his marriage) served with the Grand Army of the Republic in Indiana. He is buried in GAR veterans' cemetery in Illinois.

ELLIS, A retired casket maker, of 4741-35th Ave. SW, has lived in West Seattle since 1924.

He has collected Lincoln memorabilia — specifically coins and currency — as a hobby.

Among his prize coins is one of the first issue of Lincoln pennies dating back to 1909 and worth up to \$200.

When he takes his collec-



